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Europe 'big guns' join forces to win Westland fight

- **The European consortium mounted a campaign to beat the Sikorsky-Fiat hold on the ailing Westland helicopter company**
- **Government response was *jubilant*. "The heavy guns are being moved up to the front," said one source**
- **Friends of Mr Michael Heseltine dismissed speculation that he was heading for a showdown with the Prime Minister**
- **Mr David Horne, who is co-ordinating the European bid, said he was "astonished" that the Westland board had refused contact with the consortium**

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

An all-out attempt to break the United Technologies-Fiat grip on the Westland helicopter company was launched by the Anglo-European consortium last night.

With senior representatives of Agusta, Aerospatiale, and Messerschmitt-Blohm due in London by this morining, Sir John Cuckney, chairman of Westland, was told that Lord Weinstock and Mr James Prior, of GEC, and Sir Raymond Lygo, of British Aerospace, wanted a meeting to talk terms for their bid for a stake in the ailing company.

Senior government sources were jubilant that the counter-offensive had been launched. One source said gleefully: "British industry is mobilizing. The heavy guns are being moved up to the front."

It was alleged last night that Sir John was so strong in his support of the United Technologies-Fiat offer that he had not even spoken to Mr David Horne, the Lloyd Merchant Bank managing director who has been coordinating the Anglo-European bid.

The consortium wants to impress upon Sir John the seriousness of its offer; the possibility of an improvement in terms; and the necessity for shareholders to be given a fair and reasonable opportunity to compare the two bids.

But a senior source associated with the Anglo-European offer last night underlined their determination to win when he said that once Sikorsky, the United Technologies subsidiary, get a foothold in Westland it would take more and more technological work away from Britain. "It would be the slippery slope," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, was maintaining a low profile at his Oxfordshire home, but his friends dismissed speculation that he was heading for a showdown with the Prime Minister.

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Whitehall sources said that it was "naive" of some Sunday newspapers to think that the Westland saga would not be discussed at next Thursday's cabinet.

One source said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher was certain to have it put on the agenda. With Parliament returning on Monday, ministers would need to be briefed on one of the trickiest political, strategic and industrial issues for many years.

The message from Mr Heseltine will be that the Westland shareholders now have a viable choice to make, but that it remains in the British national interest that they go for the Anglo European offer because European collaboration is central to the only coherent strategy for efficient defence output, backed by a technological base which could compete with the Americans.

Mr Keith Hampson, secretary of the Conservative backbench defence committee, said last night that acceptance of the Sikorsky-Fiat bid would jeopardize other European collaborative projects.

"Going American at Westland," he said, "would open Pandora's box over the whole question of British collaboration in Europe."

It was said last night that Mr Heseltine's position in the Ministry of Defence had never been stronger. Two senior sources said that if he had not had the backing of his service and Civil Service colleagues, they would have "sunk him by leaks" before now.

The ministry is now hoping that the Anglo-European consortium will persuade Westland to give it a fair crack of the whip with the shareholders – even if that means delaying the shareholders' meeting scheduled for January 14.

The representatives of the other consortium partners, due to arrive in London by today, were last night named as Signor Arnoldo Antichi, of Augusta; M Pierre David and M Henri

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Mr Adam Wragg being carried on a stretcher in Glencoe yesterday by his rescuers.

Two climbers die in snow avalanche on Glencoe

By Ronald Faux

Two climbers died and a third was injured by a snow avalanche which swept them 900 ft down a mountainside in the Scottish highlands. Two other climbers in the same party were airlifted to safety by helicopter from a rock chimney in which they had been stranded overnight.

Mr Alan Wragg, aged 55, a vintage-car restorer, of Blidworth, Nottinghamshire, and Mr Paul Draycott, aged 45, an architect, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, died when they were swept down a gulley on Stob Coire Nan Beith (3,621 ft) in Glencoe, on Saturday evening. Mr Adam Wragg, aged 18, a waiter, who was roped to his father and a friend on the Northwest Gulley route, survived with a fractured leg and pelvis. He crawled 400 ft down the mountain to the climbing party's camp where he hoped to find his brother, James, aged 20, and Mr Steven Berridge, aged 32, of Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire.

But they were trapped by darkness on another climb, unaware of the disaster. It was not until yesterday morning that two hill-walkers passing the camp heard Mr Adam Wragg's cries for help and raised the alarm. A Sea-King helicopter from RAF Lossiemouth flew to the Hioh Corie beneath the summit of the mountain and lifted Mr James Wragg and his climbing partner to safety.

The accident happened on Saturday in bad weather with snow-laden winds gusting to 80mph on the mountain summit. The five climbers had camped overnight in the high corrie below the cliffs before setting out in two parties to climb Northwest Gulley and Deep Cut Chimney, which are both serious 1,500-ft routes.

Three were caught in the avalanche when a slab of soft snow broke free sweeping them down over boulders and ice-covered cliffs to the foot of the climb.

Forecast: Generally cold with frost persisting in places. Temperatures rising to near-normal in the West later
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The rope joining the three climbers broke in the fall. Mr Wragg and Mr Draycott were buried under several feet of snow while Mr Adam Wragg crawled down to the camp in the hope of getting help from the other two climbers. But they had been overtaken by darkness and were forced to spend the night in the open on the upper sections of Deep Cut Chimney.

Mr Adam Wragg said that just before they were hit by the avalanche he heard his father say suddenly: "oh, no." Mr Wragg said: " It swept us away. I was struggling to breathe. Snow filled my mouth and was choking me. My helmet was smashed on the rocks and I seemed to fall for ages tangled in the ropes. When I stopped I found myself near the surface and managed to get free of the snow."

Despite his injuries, he climbed back and found Mr Draycott buried with only his legs visible. "I tried to pull him clear but it was impossible," he said.

Mr Hamish MacInnes, leader of the Glencoe Mountain Rescue team which was called out to the accident, said: "The weather was so bad that the two climbers would not be able to hear the other party and were unaware that they had been avalanched, even though at one point they were not much more than 200ft away."

Elsewhere wintry conditions, including blizzards, wrought havoc on roads, in the countryside and with sporting fixtures over the weekend.

Five members of one family were killed in Devon in a car crash on black ice, while in the Lake District a series of mountain searches were in operation for climbers and walkers, who had fallen or had become lost.

The rugby league programme was badly disrupted yesterday with 10 games postponed. At Wigan, 600 supporters ensured the match with Swinton would go ahead by bringing brushes, forks and spades to the ground to clear the pitch of snow. Football was also affected.

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Mine kills two near Botswana border

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

A new threat of cross-border retaliatory action by South Africa loomed yesterday after the deaths of two more whites in a landmine explosion. Fourteen people, 13 of them whites, have been killed in landmine and bomb attacks in South Africa in little more than five weeks. More than 70 others have been injured.

The latest victims died on Saturday afternoon when their light pick-up truck set off a mine planted in a farm road 1.8 miles from the Stockport border post on the South African-Botswana frontier about 15 miles west of the Northern Transvaal town of Ellisras.

Mrs Elize de Beer, aged 31, and her father-in-law, Mr Hubert de Beer, aged 55, were killed instantly and her husband, Deon, aged 34, and Mr Daniel Venter, aged 58, who were sitting in the back of the pick-up, were injured.

Ellisras is 156 miles south west of Messina, close to the Zimbabwe border, where six whites, four of them children, were killed in a landmine explosion three weeks ago, the seventh in the area for which the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) admitted responsibility.

South Africa has been accused in the United Nations Security Council of carrying out an armed raid into independent Lesotho last month in which nine people, seven of them ANC refugees, were shot dead, three days before a bomb exploded in a crowded shopping centre at Amanzimtoti near the coastal city of Durban killing five people and injuring more than 60.

Since last Wednesday South Africa has severely tightened controls on its borders with Lesotho.

The ultra right-wing Conservative Party yesterday accused the Government of no longer being capable of securing the safety of people and called for "immediate military and other steps to wipe out terrorist bases in our neighbouring states".

- **Police reported yesterday that a youth was shot dead and three others injured during a petrol bomb attack on a policeman's home in a black township near the Eastern Transvaal town of Belfast. The bodies of two black women victims of the "necklace" – a petrol-filled tyre hung around the neck – were found near Stutterheim in the Eastern Cape Province and the burned body of another black man was found in Guguletu township outside Cape Town.**
- **In Soweto, outside Johannesburg, more than 50 children were reported to have been injured on Saturday when police fired tear gas into buses taking them to a cemetery after a funeral service for four unrest victims.**

Gadaffi denies aid for Abu Nidal

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, said yesterday that he had met Abu Nidal, the Palestinian terrorist leader, within the past year. But he was not in Libya now, nor were there any guerrilla training camps in Libya.

His desert interview with a group of American television reporters was broadcast as the US appeared to be vacillating on whether and how military action might be launched against Libya.

Senators and senior Administration officials are now suggesting that no suitable target has yet been identified in Libya, and that last week's publicized military preparations and sabre-rattling have already had the effect of intimidating Colonel Gadaffi.

Speaking English, Colonel Gaddafi said that he had met Abu Nidal, with other Palestinian leaders, both in Libya and elsewhere. He came on visits to Libya, but did not live there. "I don't know where he lives," he said.

Libya and the whole world supported the Palestinians, he claimed. They did not have training camps in Libya, "but if they demand this, I will give them, because they are freedom fighters".

Asked whether the airport attacks were legitimate, he said they would not be "legal" for him, as a head of state, but might be for the Palestinian leaders, whose duty and strategy ws to "liberate Palestine by all means".

He called on the United States to be neutral in the Arab-Israeli dispute, and again gave a warning that Libyan suicide squads were ready to strike inside the US.

Libya was on full military alert, he said, and the Soviet Sam-5 missiles were now operational: "We have been trained by our friends the Soviets, and we can use them now." But he claimed that Americans working in Libya were safe, and said that a US envoy had been in recent contact to defuse the situation.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, also interviewed on American television yesterday, said Israel knew that Abu Nidal was in Libya.

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He called on European nations to take economic and political sanctions aainst Libya, warning them tht the alternative would be to pay heavily in future. Europe was learning the hard way that something had to be done. "Undoubtedly today Libya is the most evil country when it comes to terrorism".

Mr Peres praised the firm stand of President Reagan and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and denied that Israel was upset that the US was apparently leaving military action to Israel.

He hinted, however, that any Israeli strike would be against terrorists inside Libya rather than against Libya itself.

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Colonel Gadaffi (left) and Mr Peres: direct conflict over Abu Nidal and his role.

Radioactive leak kills man in US

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

An investigation started yesterday into the leak at a nuclear plant in Oklahoma. A man was killed and a cloud of radioactive vapour emitted. More than 100 people were treated and 34 kept in hospital.

The plant, near Gore in eastern Oklahoma, was shut down and evacuated. A main road was closed for two hours as a precaution.

The gas cloud, described as "a dense fog" rolled over the sparsely populated area near the plant and was rapidly disperses by a 30 mph wind. Officials said there was no danger to public health. But one official said that "if a person was in the plume of gas there is the possibility of a dose of uranium".

Men at the Kerr-McGee Corporation plant, which processes uranium for use in nuclear reactors, were working on a 14-ton cylinder of uranium hexafluoride when it ruptured. Apparently a welded joint collapsed.

The leaking chemical combined with air to form hydrofluoric acid. Mr James Harison, aged 25 suffered lung damage when he inhaled the fumes and died in hospital four hours later.

Eight other men were treated in hospital for exposure to the acid. One was allowed home later. A doctor said the worst injured had lung damage.

A team from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission began the inquiry. A spokesman said that exposure to hudrofluoric acid was "more a chemical than a radiation problem, but you still don't want to get in the body".

Kerr-McGee's director of nuclear licensing said an initial survey showed that radioactivity levels in the area were normal.

- **GORE: The incident was believed the most serious in the US nuclear energy industry since the 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island plant near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (Reuter reports).**

Alternative rugby tour is ruled out

The four home Rugby Unions yesterday confirmed that there will be no replacement tour this year for the British Lions' trip to South Africa, which was cancelled last month.

The four countries may now arrange their own tours but their decision opens up the possibility that British players may be invited as individuals to visit South Africa as part of an unofficial visit.

- Club football returned to television at the weekend. The first live match of the season featured West Ham beating Charlton Athletic 1-0 at Selhurst Park in the third round of the FA Cup. In the other tie played yesterday, Everton, the Canon League champions, only beat Exeter, of the fourth division, 1-0.
- Boris Becker, of West Germiany, won the Junior Masters tennis tournament in West Berlin. The 18-year-old Wimbledon champion defeated Mats Wilander, of Sweden, 6-1, 7-6, 6-0. Sport, pages 17 to 20

New volcano fears hit Colombia

From Geoffrey Matthews
Bogota

Thousands fled their homes in central Colombia at the weekend after the Government ordered the immediate evacuation of rural populations suddenly threatened by alarming new seismic activity in the Nevado del Ruiz volcano.

The "maximum emergency" declared in the region came 52 days after the volcano's devastating eruption on November 13 in which an estimated 25,000 were killed in flash floods and mud avalanches when snow and iced on its peak melted.

In what vulcanologists described as the most intense activity in the Ruiz since the disaster, its most active crater known as Arenas started to spew out sulphorous ash and gases over a wide area at the weekend, triggering alarm among the surrounding populations.

President Betancur, who flew to the disaster zone from Bogota, immediately agreed with vulcanologists, who have been watching the volcano round the clock, that threatened populations had to be evacuated immediately. There were fears that new avalanches could start flooding in local rivers.

The evacuation affected an estimated total population of 50,000 living in villages on the banks of local rivers, as well as low-lying districts of the towns of Honda, Mariquita, Guayabal, Ambalema and Chinchina in the Tolima and Caldas departments.

Both the national and local governments have been criticized for failing to co-ordinate plans for evacuations in October or early November despite warning signals that an eruption was imminent. No chances were being taken this time.

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Expatriate Isherwood dies of cancer

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

The noted author and novelist Christopher Isherwood, an expatriate Englishman who lived more than half his life in the United States, died on Saturday morning at his Santa Monica home after a long battle with cancer.

Isherwood, who was born in Highlane, Cheshire, in August, 1904, and moved to California from Germany in 1939, became a US citizen in 1946.

He was best known for his autobiographical Berlin stories written in the late 1930s, which were the basis for the play and the film *I Am A Camera*, starring Laurence Harvey and Julie Harris. It was adapted in 1972 as the musical *Cabaret* which won several Oscars and starred Joel Gray, Liza Minelli and Michael York as the young Englishman observing life in the corrupt pre-war Germany.

"I am a camera with my shutter open, quite passive, recording, not thinking", wrote Isherwood when he penned his Berlin stories.

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The writer lived in Santa Monica with his long-term companion Mr Don Bachardy, the well-known portrait painter. They had shared their home for almost 33 years.

"I brought Christopher home from the hospital in mid-November", Mr Bachardy said yesterday. "He was very ill and there was little hope. He hadn't felt up to working for a long time."

At Isherwood's specific request, Mr Bachardy said, there would be no funeral services. His body has been donated to the University of California at Los Angeles medical centre.

Isherwood attended Cambridge University and King's College, London. He collaborated with W. H. Auden on three verse plays and a travel book about China. He found himself comfortably at home in Hollywood writing novels and screenplays. His prose style did not suffer and was described as "a clear mirror . . . a limpid stream".

In recent years his principal concerns were Hindu philosophy, Pacifism and a search for the meaning of life.

He never married and was one of the first international figures to publicly admit his homosexuality before it became fashionable.

In 1972 he published an affectionate biography of his parents, Kathleen and Frank Isherwood.

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Jobless offered £20 weekly incentive to take low-paid work

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The latest phase of the Government's drive against growing long-term unemployment is launched today with the unemployed being offered a £20 "top up" to their wages if they take a job paying less than £80 a week.

The Job Start scheme is to be run in nine pilot areas for a six-month trial period, but it is known that Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, is urging his officials to produce early monitoring results in the hope of winning funds for extending the scheme in the Budget.

Under a package of measures, of which Job Start is one component, those who have been out of work for more than 12 months will be called into Jobcentres in the nine areas and offered a "menu" of opportunities which includes a place on the Community Programme or a Manpower Services Commission training scheme, support to go into self-employment under the Enterprise Allowance Scheme or a place in one of the new self-help Jobclubs.

The areas chosen for the pilots, which have a wide range of unemployment rates, are Billingham (Cleveland), Dundee, Ealing (west London), Huddersfield, Crawley and Horsham, Plymouth, Port Talbot and Neath, Preston and Stoke-on-Trent. Ministers are pushing for quick action to cut the total of more than 1.3 million people who have been without a job for a year which shows no signs of reducing in the near future.

All the long-term unemployed in the areas are being invited into the Jobcentres for a two-hour counselling session to establish their needs and, as a first priority, see if they can be placed in a full-time job.

The Job Start scheme seeks to give people the financial incentive to return to the labour market. The £20 top-up, which lasts for six months, is taxable but will not be counted for employee or employer national insurance contributions. It will also be paid directly to the individual so that the employer and work colleagues will not be aware of the extra payment.

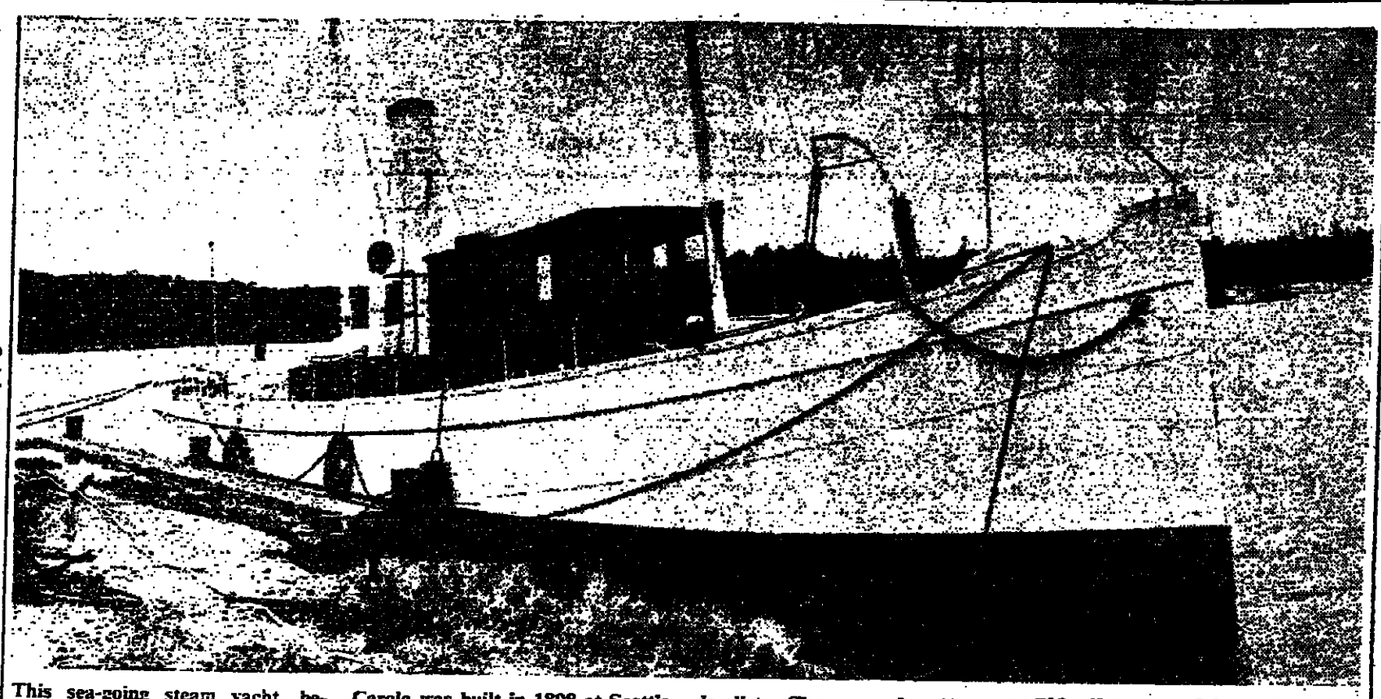
Mr Kenneth Clark, Paymaster General, said last night: "The problem of long-term unemployment is not confined to areas of high general unemployment. Wherever they live, the longer people are out of work, the longer it takes them to get back. People simply get out of touch.

"They need to be given renewed confidence to compete for the jobs that are becoming increasingly available. Now that the rise in unemployment has been halted the Government is determined to give priority to those groups, like the long-term unemployed, who will still have difficulty in finding jobs even as the economy expands."

● In another experiment by the Department of Employment, pilot tests to collect information of ethnic minority unemployment statistics are to take place for two weeks from today in Stockton-on Tees, Thornton Heath (south London) and Toxteth (Liverpool).

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Employment, said that after the experiments there would be discussions with unions and the Commission for Racial Equality to see whether ethnic monitoring should be extended on a regular basis.

He said the information was needed for job agencies to be able to take account of the needs of ethnic minorities.



This sea-going steam yacht, believed to be the oldest vessel of her type in the world, may be leaving Britain unless a buyer can be found (Gregory Neale writes). The S.Y. Carola was built in 1898 at Scott's shipyard at Bowling, on the Clyde. After 50 years as a family yacht, she was used during the Second World War, but then became semi-derelict. She was bought and restored by an enthusiast in the 1970s, and is now berthed on the Beaulieu river at Bucklers Hard, Hampshire, but her owners say the 70ft, 40-ton vessel is too large for them. They want her to stay in Britain and will sell the vessel for half her valuation of about £275,000 (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Unionists may put up 'dummy' opponents

From Richard Ford
Belfast

Unionist leaders are considering nominating a "dummy" candidate with the name of Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs, in up to five constituencies where "loyalist" politicians may be unopposed in this month's elections.

The nominees will change their name by deed poll to "Peter Barry" and appear as token candidates on ballot papers in a number of seats. Such is the dislike of Mr Barry in his role as joint chairman of the Anglo-Irish ministerial conference that Unionists may be forced to persuade English people to change names as it is thought few loyalists would be prepared to be named after the southern Irish politician.

Another name being canvassed for the "dummy" candidate is Margaret Thatcher although there is opposition to this tactic as it is feared it could rebound on Unionists and damage still further their cause in the mainland.

The need for a token candidate in several of the 15 constituencies where elections will take place on January 23 is because, without opponents, the returning officer would declare outgoing Unionist MPs as re-elected without any votes being cast. This would rob Unionists of the wide mandate they are seeking for their opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Unionist leaders are to reconsider the tactic of street protests against the Anglo-Irish agreement after mob violence at a weekend rally in which 26 policemen were injured and two RUC vehicles burnt.

Moderate Unionists are already alarmed at the appearance of masked youths and volunteers from the Ulster Defence Associaiton and the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force at the rally.

Unionist leaders condemned the violence, in which three arrests were made when a mob stormed the gate leading to the building housing the secretariate. One policeman is still in hospital with serious facial injuries.

Meanwhile, Mr Barry yesterday described as "minimal" changes in the Emergency Provisions Act allowing for a return of trial by jury for certain offences including firearms, kidnapping, false imprisonment and malicious damage, where there is no paramilitary involvement, which are expected to be announced by the Government next week.

A third Roman Catholic, the first for 14 years, is to be appointed to the Northern Ireland High Court bench. Mr Michael Nicholson, QC, will bring the number of judges on the bench to 10.

● Mr Barry yesterday called for an end to the "supergrass" system in Northern Ireland, and said his government wanted terrorists tried by three judges and not one in the non-jury Diplock courts.

Militant chosen to fight seat

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Mr Pat Wall, aged 51, a supporter of the Trotskyist Militant Tendency, has been selected as Labour candidate for the Conservative-held marginal seat of Bradford North.

At a selection meeting in Bradford on Saturday night, he won 37 of the 65 votes cast. Dr Barry Seal, member of the European Parliament for West Yorkshire, and Mr Hilary Benn, son of Mr Tony Benn, were among the choices.

Suggestions that Mr Wall's selection will provoke a confrontation with Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, are premature. Although Mr Kinnock has launched an investigation into Militant's control of Liverpool, the party's national executive has already endorsed Mr Dave Nellist, MP for Coventry South East, and Mr Terry Fields, MP for Liverpool Broadgreen, as candidates for the election, in spite of their known support for Militant.

Mr Geoffrey Lawler, the Conservative MP who took the seat from Labour with a majority of 1,602 votes, said: "Voters will find Pat Wall as unacceptable as they did at the last election".

Accusation over honours

By Stephen Goodwin

The Prime Minister is likely to face renewed accusations of rewarding her party's industrial paymasters with knighthoods and peerages after publication today of a new book on the honours system.

In Mrs Thatcher's first six years as Prime Minister, 11 private sector industrialists were given peerages. All, according to the author, Mr John Walker, directed companies supporting the Conservatives and which together boosted party funds by £1.9 million.

A further 64 were given knighthoods, of whom, it is said, 44 directed companies which gave in total £4.4 million to Conservative Party funds.

"Private sector industrialists have received knighthoods and peerages at a faster rate under Margaret Thatcher than under any Prime Minister since Lloyd George, albeit in different circumstances," Mr Walker says. Honours-touting in the Lloyd George era led to the passing of the Honours (Prevention of Abuses) Act in 1925.

Mr Walker's book *The Queen Has Been Pleased* draws heavily on the statistics of the trade union-funded Labour Research Department where Mr Walker worked for five years.

The book will reinforce claims by Labour that while the Government is trying to choke off the flow of trade union funds to the Labour Party, there is no such restriction on donations to the Conservatives from big business, and that the benefactors may be rewarded with ermine or a knighthood.

The Conservative Party does not disclose the sources of its income. There is, however, a requirement on companies to detail in their accounts donations of £250 or more.

Of the 10 companies that gave the Conservatives more than £200,000 between 1979 and 1984, nine of them, according to Mr Walker's book, had their boards of directors honoured. Together the nine companies gave £2 million. They received six peerages and five knighthoods.

Top of the list is the food and drinks company, Allied-Lyons, which is said to have given £424,025. In 1981 its then chairman and chief executive, the late Sir Keith Showering, was knighted.

The Queen Has Been Pleased by John Walker (Secker & Warburg, £9.95).

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Warning on non-partisan Whitehall

By Our Labour Correspondent

Senior Civil Servants could be appointed for their political beliefs bringing to an end the tradition of non-partisan government officials, the union representing top Civil Servants says today.

The Association of First Division Civil Servants says that certain posts within government departments could be identified as "political", contracts for the most senior staff could be made more flexible or more political advisers could be appointed to shadow career administrators.

A booklet produced by the union says: "At present Civil Servants are employed for dispassionate, professional advice on policies and their own political beliefs are irrelevant. However a future government, especially one with radical policies, may require officials to be more highly committed personally to the 'success' of the policy."

The booklet is written by young Civil Servants and is designed as a careers guide to the Civil Service. It is intended to give a candid guide of life as a government official.

It argues that changing the non-political stance of the Civil Service would make it less of a long-term career and would require easier mobility out of the service at lower levels when political views could be judged unacceptable by an administration.

The authors also raise the controversial question of Civil Servants' responsibilities and point out that with no written code of ethics, a Civil Servant is left as "prey to his own fears and vague 'professional standards'."

A move toward more open government, is also suggested in the booklet which says that the Official Secrets Act is now being used to prosecute people who make embarrassing disclosures even if they have little to do with national security.

MP's query on 'clearing' Parkinson

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, yesterday wrote to Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, to ask whether there were two standards of justice over the Official Secrets Act.

The letter came after Scotland Yard detectives reported that they have found no evidence that Mr Cecil Parkinson, the former Cabinet minister, breached the Act.

In *A Question of Judgement* Miss Sara Keays wrote on the 1982 Falklands crisis that Mr Parkinson had gone to see her and had criticized the Prime Minister.

Recalling that Mr Clive Ponting had been charged with leaking information which was two years old, Mr Dalyell asked Sir Michael whether he proposed to do nothing about "discussions of the war cabinet given to an unauthorized person within hours of their taking place."

Jopling denies rift with colleague

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, yesterday denied reports of a rift between himself and Mr William Waldegrave, the Minister for Environment, about responsibility for countryside issues.

He described it as a silly story fabricated by journalists scratching around for news.

His ministry was unable to offer any convincing explanation for the release at the weekend of the text of a so-called "speech" by Mr Jopling, which had not been delivered nor would be. An official said that "statement" would have been a better description.

Its timing, almost on the eve of the annual Oxford Farming Conference at which Mr Waldegrave is to make the keynote speech tomorrow, is being interpreted as a public rebuke by a Cabinet Minister to a junior colleague.

In his "speech", Mr Jopling asserts that the interests of agriculture, conservation and of the people who live and work in the countryside are all embedded in the policies of the Ministry of Agriculture...

Interviewed on both radio and television yesterday, he denied suggestions that he was angry at not being invited to address the conference. The release of his "speech" had nothing to do with it.

"William told me some months ago that he had been invited", he said. "I'm delighted he's going and I'm sure he will make a very good speech."

Mr Waldegrave's speech is entitled "Future impact on the rural economy of environmental concerns". This is the fortieth year of the conference, which carries considerable prestige and invariably attracts a large audience of not only farmers, but industrialists, academics and overseas visitors.

European 'big guns' join forces

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Dugage of Aerospatiale, and Dr Peter Fichmuller, of the German MBB.

● Mr Horne, in a letter said last night he found it "astonishing" that so far the seven-member Westland board had refused all contact with the consortium preferring instead to try to thrash out comparable rescue terms with its favoured partners, Sikorsky-Fiat (Our Business Correspondent writes).

Mr Horne said he hopes the board of Westland would meet members of his consortium before agreeing to recommend the new Sikorsky-Fiat proposal to shareholders.

"They have sat on our offer for two and a half weeks and have not discussed it with us once. It is only right that there should be a meeting, he said".

The proposed meeting would include senior executives of all five members of the Anglo-European consortium, including the chairmen and chief executives of GEC and British Aerospace, Mr James Prior, Sir Austin Pearce, Lord Weinstock and Sir Raymond Lygo.



Countrywide birdwatch

Daniel Stevens, aged three, of Tavistock, Devon, was one of the younger participants yesterday in Birdwatch UK86, which its organizers, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Wildfowl Trust, described as the biggest such event to take place in Britain.

Daniel and his father, Phil, are watching a kingfisher at the Radford Park and Hooe Lake site, Plymouth, one of 150 sites covered by an exercise "intended to show birds to people who haven't tried this fascinating hobby before". From the Channel Islands to Orkney, established reserves, town parks, lakes and walks were chosen.

Police spending to rise by 8% in 1986-87

The Home Office has inadvertantly given the police a new year surprise: instead of a rise in planned expenditure of 6 per cent in cash terms in 1986-87, they are to receive 8 per cent ... or in real terms, a 3 per cent rise.

The 6 per cent figure was given mistakenly on November 18 in reply to a parliamentary question by Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour spokesman on home affairs.

Planned spending on the police in 1985-86, as given in the Public Expenditure White Paper 1985 was £2,843 million. Planned expenditure on the police in 1986-87, to be published soon in the Public Expenditure White Paper 1986, will now be given as £3,060 million.

Extra money will go towards an increase in overall police manpower, uniformed and civilian, from 164,600 at the end of September to more than 167,000 by March 1987. It is thought likely that uniformed police strength will go up by about 1,000.

Uniformed and civilian manpower has risen by 15,000 since May 1979. The police establishment in England and Wales is 122,400.

About 240 extra police officers are to be recruited by March 1987 to regional crime squads for work on drug trafficking offences.

● Four crown courts, at Birmingham, Bristol, Maidstone and Southwark, today begin an experiment in applying time limits to criminal proceedings. Magistrates' courts in those areas have already started tests.

The experiment foreshadows the introduction of statutory limits for the whole of England and Wales in mid-1987, intended to speed up trials and reduce periods on remand.

Under the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (although not under the initial experiments), the accused must be released on bail if a time limit for custody expires, and if an overall limit expires, the accused is treated as if acquitted. Because of pressure on the courts, no bail time limits have been set for either Southwark or Maidstone; in Birmingham or Bristol, there will be a 182-day limit for those awaiting trial or bail, after which an arraignment, acquittal or formal extension will be required.

South Africa is MPs' choice

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Southern Africa was the most popular destination for MPs travelling on sponsored visits last year, according to the Commons *Register of Members' Interests*.

An analysis carried out by *The Times* shows that at least 14 Conservative MPs went to South Africa and Namibia last year, with part of their expenses paid by the South African government or other local administrations.

The next most popular destination was the United States, visited by at least 11 sponsored MPs; Israel, Japan, Cyprus and Hong Kong were each visited by at least five sponsored MPs.

Other destinations for the Commons globe-grotters included China, Australia, Brazil, Sri Lanka, Nicaragua, Turkey, Qatar, Taiwan, Indonesia and Pakistan.

The MPs who visited southern Africa were Robert Adley, Christchurch; Mr Robert Banks, Harrogate; Mr David Bevan, Birmingham Yardley; Mr Michael Brown, Brigg and Cleethorpes; Mr George Gardiner, Reigate; Mr Michael Knowles, Nottingham East; Mr John Rathbone, Lewes; Mr William Shelton, Streatham; Sir Dudley Smith, Warwick and Leamington; Mr Peter Viggers, Gosport; Mr Jerry Wiggin, Weston-super-Mare; Mr Nicholas Winterton, Macclesfield, and Mrs Ann Winterton, Congleton, who visited South Africa together a year ago, after Mr Winterton had been on separate visit to Namibia. Mr and Mrs Winterton also visited Turkey together in July as the joint guests of the Sabanci Holdings Group.

A trend towards private company sponsorship of MPs' travel emerges from last year's registrations. Most freelance parliamentary travel is sponsored by governments or airlines, but British Aerospace sponsored short visits to the Paris airshow by four Tory MPs in June, and another Conservative MP was sponsored by Abbey Panels plc for a two-day visit to the show.

Mr Shelton, one of those who visited Namibia, was also one of five MPs who went to Japan, but he appears to be the only one who was sponsored by a company, the Matsushita Electric Company. Mr Douglas Hogg, Conservative MP for Grantham, visited Capri last June as the guest of the Bank of Naples.

But one of the most unusual entries in the latest print-out of the *Register*, which is to be published again next month, is that of Mr John Gummer, the Minister of State for Agriculture.

It would appear that while he was chairman of the Conservative Party, he visited the United States in November 1984 "under the auspices of the Democratic Party to view the American election".

Fighting chess wins day

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

James Plaskett, the young English grandmaster, showed his great combative ability to win a brilliant game against J. M. Bellon in the seventh round of the Hastings Premier Chess Tournament.

White J. Plaskett, Black J. M. Bellon

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11	B-K3	N-K1	12	B-B3	N-QR4
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25	R-K4	P-B3	26	P-Q5	N-B3
27	BxB	QxB	28	P-K6	P-Q4
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31	PxP	B-N2	32	Rd8, Black resigns.	

Round seventeen results: Belashov (Cz) v Petursson (Ic) ½; Speelman (Eng) v Portisch (Hung) 1; Short (Eng) v Gheorghiu (Rom) ½; Hartston (Eng) v Watson (Eng) ½; Quinteros (Arg) v Polugayevsky (Sp) ½; Michalchishin (Alg) v Ortega (Sp) ½; Chandler (Eng) v Formanek (Cz) 0; Arnold (Eng) v Lobron (Ger) ½; Chernin (Fin) v Rodriguez (Cu) ½; Ghitescu (Rom) v Plaskett (Eng) 0; Bellon (Sp) v Schaufelberger (Switz) 1. Adjourned games: Hort (Czech) v Nogueiras (Cu); Martinez (Sp) v Ribli (Hung); Grunfeld (Aust) v Gligoric (Yug); Ivanovic (Yug) v Piotrowicz (Pol); Miles (Eng) v Browne (US); Mestel (Eng) v Petrosian (Sp).

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Record savings lift hopes of early cut in building society mortgage rates

By Our Business Staff

Building society depositors, who usually withdraw cash to pay for Christmas shopping, made a late rush to deposit money in the last week of 1985, helping to make December an unexpected record month for the societies.

Provisional figures from the building societies suggest they raised a net £1.5 billion. About £700 million of this came from floating bonds and certificates of deposit on the money markets. But savers contributed £800 million, as much as the societies expect to raise in a normal month. Net receipts in November were £638 million.

If the trend continues, it will revive hopes of an early cut in mortgage rates, which until now had not been expected for several months. Winter is the low season for mortgages, so much of the new money will boost the societies' cash reserves.

Building Society managers are unsure why December turned out so well for them, especially as there appears to have been a boom in high street spending. About £100 million, roughly the size of the unexpected boost, could have come from investors who failed in the rush for shares in Laura Ashley, and put their money back on deposit.

Preparations by banks for increased competition with building societies, when the new Bill to extend their lending powers passes through Parliament, could ironically have helped the societies in the short-term. Leading banks no longer require customers to keep balances of £100 or more to enjoy free banking, and customers may have switched some deposits to earn extra interest.

Under the terms of the Building Societies Bill, societies will be able to offer a limited amount of consumer finance at more attractive rates than presently offered by the banks, in addition to normal home-mortgage lending. A new study by Capel-Cure Myers, the City stockbroker, suggests that competition between banks and societies is likely to sustain the consumer spending boom through to the next general election. The brokers estimate that the societies will have about £11 billion available for consumer lending.

Abbey National offers retirement to over-50s

The Abbey National, Britain's second biggest building society, has inaugurated an early retirement scheme for branch managers and other middle managers aged over 50.

Large numbers of management trainees, were recruited in the late sixties and early seventies; the building society therefore has a "bulge" of junior and middle managers in their late thirties and early forties, and wants to promote more of them.

The move is seen in part as a *preparation* for the challenges that will be posed by the new powers to sell insurance unconnected with house purchase, and to offer more credit. Local managers will bring in new business although new specialists will handle such matters as unsecured lending.

In the past two months, more than 100 managers approaching or already over 50 have been sent letters inviting them *to discuss terms with a* personnel counsellor if they want to retire before the normal age of 60. Those who opt for early retirement receive a cash sum and are likely to be able to receive pensions slightly early.

An Abbey spokesman said yesterday that a few middle *managers in their mid-50s had* already taken up the offer, but there was no question of the society attempting to get rid of the over-50s.



Rupert Bear, alias Martin Cohen, aged 14, of Edgware, the son of a London taxi driver, sharing a cracker with James Kindle, aged eight, of Charlton Park school, south London, at the annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Grosvenor House for underprivileged children, run by the London Taxidrivers' Fund. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Adultery low on divorce list

Only one woman in 10 believes adultery is a justifiable main reason for divorce, according to a magazine survey. Even those who think infidelity by either partner is sufficient grounds also belive that the marriage should be ended only *if it has already broken down* irretrievably.

The survey, in *Options* magazine, suggests that 43 per cent of its readers regard physical cruelty to children as the most justifiable reason for divorce. Physical cruelty to the spouse came second.

Sexual incompatibility and *inability to* have children were not given a significant rating; alcoholism and money difficulties were also considered minor factors.

But 59 per cent of those surveyed believed it was a good thing that divorce had been made easier, and 46 per cent felt the women's movement and insistence on women's rights had been "hard" on marriage.

Work starts to restore part of Mary Rose

By Amanda Haigh

Restoration work on the wreck of the Mary Rose begins this month which will create "an outsize cutaway model of the Tudor ship".

In a three-year project about 800 timbers which were removed from the hull during the years of underwater excavation will be restored to their original positions

Mr Arthur Rogers, spokesman for the Mary Rose Trust, said: "Visitors to our new galleries in the dry dock in Portsmouth will be able to look over the shoulders of the archaeologists as construction work goes on".

The masts have not been recovered and only half the ship can be restored as much of the port side was lost during the four centuries she lay on the sea bed. But the reconstruction work on the starboard side will result in what the trust's museum director, Mr Richard Harrison, describes as "an outsize cutaway model."

MoD inquiry into break-in at submarine base

The Ministry of Defence has ordered a full inquiry into an incident in which three people dressed in Santa Claus outfits walked on to two submarines at a top security Navy base, early on Christmas Day.

The incident took place at Faslane, on the Clyde, which is to house Britain's Trident missile fleet. Two men and a woman were arrested

The three arrested were charged under local by-laws and released, and are expected to appear at Dumbarton Sheriff Court.

Deadlock on choice of Channel fixed link

By Jeremy Warner
Business Correspondent

The British and French Governments have reached an impasse over attempts to agree a scheme for the proposed multi-billion pound fixed Channel link, with the British keen to find a road and rail solution but the French content with a rail-only link.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State, will meet his French equivalent, M Jean Auroux, in Paris tomorrow in an attempt to resolve the two countries' differences on the project.

The two governments still hope to reach a firm decision on which of the four fixed-link proposals to adopt by the time of Mrs Thatcher's promised visit to Lille on January 20.

The British Department of Transport has expressed a strong preference for the road and rail four-bore tunnel scheme proposed by Channel Expressway as the best compromise solution.

However, this scheme has run into considerable opposition in France because of the low level of French participation in both its proposed financing and construction. The French also believe that the scheme, which is the cheapest of the four options, has been undercosted at £2.1 billion.

The French government is believed to favour the £2.3 billion twin-bore rail scheme proposed by Channel Tunnel Group. This proposal was also favoured as the most practical of the four, both on *economic* and technical grounds, in a recent joint report by officials of both countries.

But this scheme falls short of British aspirations for a road as well as a rail link. Under the CTG scheme, cars would be transported through the tunnel in rail shuttles.

Drive to encourage pupils into engineering

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Big industrial companies are being asked to invite schools and families to visit their plants and to be prepared to fund more students studying engineering at college and university as part of a concerted national campaign to change the public's view of manufacturing, and make it more popular.

According to the organizers of the campaign which is part of Industry Year 1986 to be launched next week, the public has a low opinion of manufacturing industry.

"This is the fundamental cause of our relative industrial decline and is something which alone sets us apart from our competitors. Engineering particularly suffers from this low esteem. What is vital now is to take concerted action to change attitudes and perceptions."

The campaign is the work of the combined energies of the Engineering Council, the professional engineering institutions, the Engineering Employers' Federation, the Engineering Industry Training Board and the Women's Engineering Society.

The campaign's working party tries to lift the public's awareness in a booklet published today. The pamphlet, *Take Action for Engineering* outlines what should be done to change outdated attitudes.

Bamber will

Mr Jeremy Bamber, aged 24, who is in Norwich prison awaiting trial for murder, has been left the bulk of the £229,790 estate of his adoptive mother, Mrs June Bamber of Whitehouse Farm, Tolleshurst D'Arcy, Essex, one of his alleged victims who was found dead at her home with her husband, daughter and twin grandsons last August.

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Detective denies any part in exile's death

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A British private detective working for the Seychelles government yesterday denied any part in the murder of a Seychelles political exile and questioned police raids on his offices.

Mr Ian Withers, a security consultant for the Seychelles government, said he had kept a watching brief on Gerard Hoarau, who was killed by machine-gun fire in a north London suburb last November, *and other exiles for a long time*, but there was "no serious surveillance".

At the time of the shooting Mr Withers was in the Seychelles where he has remained working. He said as soon as he heard of the shooting he offered his help to the British High Commissioner and the London police. His solicitor was told that the police did not want to interview Mr Withers.

But his offices in Hove, Sussex, and Belfast were searched before Christmas. A secretary, aged 21, who was working for Mr Withers at Hove, was held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act for four days.

Mr Withers said: "As soon as I have completed my business here I intend, subject to my solicitor's advice, to come home. Hopefully he would meet me in London and if they want to interview me I hope we will be able to do it in a fairly civilized way, such as go along and see what they want."

Today Mr Withers's solicitor is to make a fresh approach to Scotland Yard to arrange an interview when the private *detective returns to Britain.*

Mr Withers said: "What we are afraid is they might grab me off the plane and lock me up under the Prevention of Terrorism Act."

Fears for women on night work

Attacks on women at night could increase substantially if the Government goes ahead with plans affecting night work, the TUC claims.

The TUC wants to meet Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Employment, to tell him of the serious physical danger women could face if the Government lifts legal limits on night work.

Mr Bottomley has already told the TUC that, as part of its overhaul of the Sex Descrimination Act, the Government intends to scrap part of the Factory Act which severely limits the kind of night work women can undertake.

This could lead to many employers forcing women to work at night and many more women having to travel to and from work alone at night, when there is more risk of physical attack, the TUC says.

Avalanche warning to skiers

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

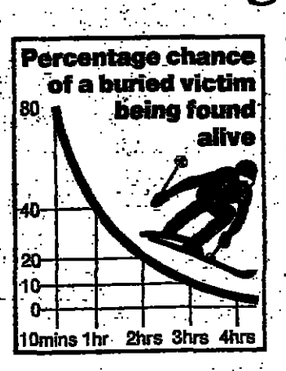
Mountain experts in Scotland and in Switzerland warned skiers and climbers yesterday that many more serious avalanches are likely in the next few days.

The deaths of two climbers in Glencoe yesterday brought the number of deaths in avalanches in Britain and the *Alps to 15 in less than a week.*

Safety officers and rescue team leaders are worried that the ski season will bring more deaths from avalanches than in previous years because of a big increase in the number of people skiing off-piste in more dangerous conditions.

Avalanches are notoriously unpredictable and occur through changed in wind, temperature and snowfall. At least 37 people were killed by them in the Alps last year, with 40 deaths in 1984 and 28 the year before.

The most common are slab avalanches. Slabs can be joined by winds blowing falling snow on to a leeward slope of older harder snow. Most of them in Europe occur on north- and east-facing slopes. They produce new surfaces which look safe but are liable to fracture without warning across the *entire width of* such slopes.



Such massive slides may be triggered by rises in temperature, fresh snowfalls or the intrusion of skiers or climbers.

New snow on a hard base can cause an avalanche when its weight becomes too great for its grip on mountainsides. Cold, windless conditions produce powder-snow avalanches, which can reach speeds of 120mph and are most likely to cause death by asphyxiation.

Wet-snow avalanches are most likely to happen later in winter and on south-facing slopes, because of sharp temperature rises towards midday.

"Avalanches are extremely difficult to predict. That is what makes them so dangerous," Mr Peter Cliff, leader of the Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team said yesterday.

Mr Cliff, author of a book on *mountain* navigation and an Alpine guide, said it was almost impossible to be certain that any snow slope was safe.

He cited the avalanche death on New Year's Day of a climber in the Cairngorms who had safely descended the slope the previous day and had returned to look for a lost ice hammer.

"It is particularly worrying that more people are skiing off-piste than ever before and putting themselves more at risk," Mr Cliff said.

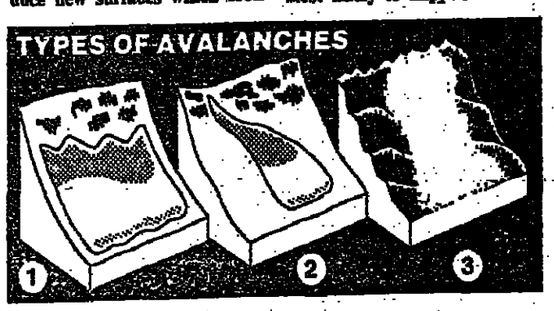
"For their own preservation, these people must develop a very serious interest in avalanches. Anyone skiing off-piste regularly must expect to be avalanched eventually."

Strong winds and snowfalls in Scotland in recent days have increased the avalanche risk, he said. In Davos, Switzerland, the Avalanche Institute issued a similar warning yesterday.

Two Swedish skiers were killed in Verbier, Switzerland, on Saturday after skiing into an area which was cordoned off because of the danger of snow slides. They triggered off an avalanche which engulfed them.

The officials in Davos said off-piste skiing in the areas of deep snow away from the main runs could cause new avalanches. Six other skiers in Switzerland have been killed in the past week, three have died in the Italian Alps, and one in France.

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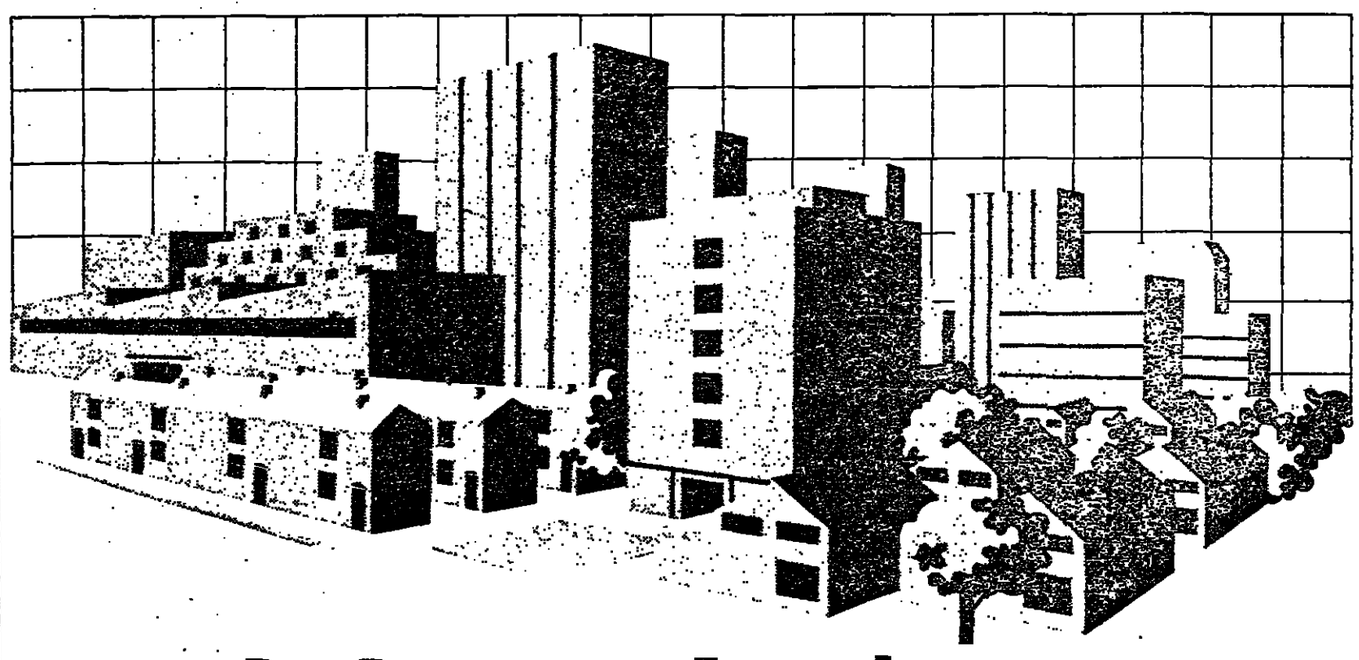


1 Slab avalanche: A traverse by a skier can fracture across a slope, releasing blocks of snow. Temperature rises or new snow are other causes.

2 Loose snow avalanche: Starts from a single point, often beneath rocks, snow can be wet or dry and slides usually come after a thaw.

3 Powder snow avalanche: Comes after heavy falls of fine snow in still weather, on a hard base. The weight provokes slides and clouds of snow.

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Acas standing by for talks with teachers' unions and employers

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The two sides in the teachers' pay dispute are meeting separately in London this week to discuss going to arbitration or conciliation.

It is understood that the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) will be standing by tomorrow afternoon to have talks with the teachers' unions after their meeting.

Schools reopen today when the dispute will be 11 months old. Even if the unions take up the Acas offer of exploratory talks, the dispute is expected to go on at least until the end of term.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, repeated at the weekend that there would be no more money for teachers unless they agreed to reforms in their contracts. He has set aside £1.25 billion for new promotion prospects on condition that progress is made towards a "clear definition of the range of teachers' duties, linked to their contracts of employment".

A total of £50 million of that money has been released to provide lunchtime supervisors in schools, but Sir Keith said: "I must make it clear again that the Government is not willing to release any more of that £1.25 billion except on the conditions stated, and that the Government is not willing to increase the resources available to local education authorities in 1985-86 to help meet the cost of any pay settlement".

The teachers' unions are likely to accept the Acas offer of talks, if only for public relations reasons. The gap between the two sides remains substantial; the employers have informally offered 6.9 per cent, staged so that teachers get 7.5 per cent by the end of March.

The unions want to increase the end-of-year element, and last month asked for 9.9 per cent. The employers, who meet on Wednesday, say they cannot raise the offer without help from the Government. This is forthcoming only on the conditions Sir Keith has specified, but employers and unions have shelved these longer-term issues until next year's pay round.

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, which is able to control the teachers' panel with the help of the smaller unions, is gloomy about the Acas intitiative.

If Acas had waited the two sides would have been able to have further talks and might have made progress, he said.

Acas has a number of options. It could propose arbitration, possibly outside the Burnham committee machinery. It could also propose that if the two sides settle, a tribunal be established to look at the long-term difficulties of pay structure, contract and appraisal.

Alternatively, Acas can mount its own inquiry although, at the end, it would be confronted with the same question of what to do about teachers' pay.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers and secretary of the Burnham committee, said that the teachers should opt for Acas.

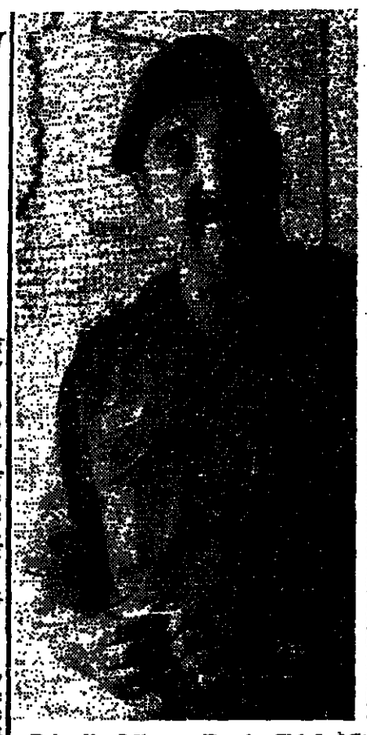
"The prospects for the new term are so horrendous in terms of continued disruption that we have to explore every avenue", he said. "Otherwise the public will not forgive the teachers."

In a new year message to teachers today, Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, reiterates that there will be no lasting peace until the employers and the Government give a firm committment to restore pay to 1974 levels.

The NUT and the NAS/UWT meet tonight to try to overcome their differences. The NUT wants a definititve solution to pay this pay round, while the NAS/UWT is prepared to go for an interim settlement, and restore pay later.

● In Scotland, where the dispute has been in progress longer, the battle for an independent pay review continues with further strikes this week.

The Educational Institute of Scotland, the main teaching union, will announce today strikes in Aberfeldy, Tayside; Broxburn and Falkirk, Lothian; Helensburgh and Shotts, Strathclyde; and Stonehaven, Grampian, involving 730 teachers and affecting 15,000 pupils. The action marks the end of a one-month temporary truce.





Brigadier Minnaar Fourie, Chief of Staff of the South African Army's Far North Command, at the scene of the mined truck in which two whites died

Concrete evidence lacking, but . . .

Gunmen passports link Gadaffi regime to airports massacre

By Our Foreign Staff

Despite considerable sabre-rattling by Israel and the United States towards Libya, there is still a lack of public evidence implicating Colonel Gadaffi in the terrorist atrocities at Rome and Vienna airports.

The strongest link publicly revealed is the discovery that the Tunisian passports carried by three of the Vienna terrorists had originally gone missing in Libya.

According to the Tunisian Ministry of the Interior, two of the passports were confiscated by Tripoli from Tunisians expelled from Libya last summer; the third was reported lost or stolen as long ago as 1977 by a Tunisian in Libya.

Those details were repeated by an unnamed senior Vienna policeman to the German Sunday paper *Welt am Sonntag* yesterday, who said that Gadaffi was now "clearly implicated" in the terrorist attacks.

"Until now we could only speculate on his involvement, but this new evidence clearly implicates Libya", he said.

Five thousand Tunisians were expelled recently from Libya for refusing to adopt Libyan citizenship, and in many cases their passports were seized.

The Vienna Government enjoys normal and on the whole friendly relations with the Gadaffi regime, and although the Austrian Minister of the Interior, Herr Karl Blecha, criticized Libya last week for having issued shortly after the airport attacks a statement praising the terrorists, Austrian minister has been prepared officially to point an accusing finger at Gadaffi.

The Reagan Administration's evidence of Libyan involvement is sketchy and circumstantial, and leading senators complained yesterday that they had not been able to find "the smoking gun" in Colonel Gadaffi's hands.

But US officials say they are sure that intelligence information, public pronouncements by the Libyan leader and the movements of known terrorists all point to Abu Nidal having received a "safe haven, money, logistical support and encouragement" from Libya.

US intelligence has kept a close watch on Abu Nidal, and although no-one has reported seeing him receive money from Libya, Washington intelligence sources are certain of the financial link with Tripoli.

President Reagan's direct accusations are perhaps more political and rhetorical than based on firm knowledge. A State Department analyst says that Gadaffi is notoriously difficult to pin down, and Senator Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, said it was difficult to deal with a man like Gadaffi who was prepared to tell barefaced lies on television.

In Italy, a weekend meeting of the Cabinet security committee, under the Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi, was said to have decided that relations with Libya should be reviewed if evidence of Libyan complicity were to emerge. But the evidence was considered to be inconclusive.

The West German Government remained tight-lipped yesterday on any concrete evidence it might have.

Herr Norbert Schäfer, a deputy Government spokesman said on Friday that there was growing evidence that Tripoli had supported the terrorist attacks; but his statement was late amended to say that if the clues Bonn had to Libyan support hardened, West Germany would co-ordinate measures against Tripoli with its European partners.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, has publicly held Libya responsible. He told the Knesset last week that the attacks were apparently the work of the Abu Nidal organization, which, he said, has operating bases in Syria and Libya and links with Iran.

Despite his claims, however, no concrete evidence has yet been provided in Israel either of Abu Nidal's complicity or of Libya's alleged role.

Significantly, an Israeli Army spokesman confirmed last night that no official statement has been put out by his office implicating either Abu Nidal or Libya.

Hart fuels speculation he may run for president

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Senator Gary Hart has announced that he will not seek re-election as a senator this year, prompting immediate speculation that he will seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988.

His announcement at the weekend in his home state of Colorado comes less than three weeks after Senator Edward Kennedy formally bowed out of the race, and makes Mr Hart a leader contender against Mr Walter Mondale in 1984, the front-runner in the coming presidential race.

"My work has yet to be done", Mr Hart told supporters outside his log cabin near Denver. "As I forge some role to move our party and our country into the future, I won't be coy about my plans", he said. "It's time for me to express commitment to our state and our nation in other ways, and perhaps on a further horizon."

He added: "Does that mean I'm making some announcement about '88? Nope. Does it mean I still have an interest in being president? Yep."

Mr Hart still has a debt of $3.5m (£2.33 million) to pay off after his unsuccessful capaign in 1984, but he has now freed himself to devote his time to fund raising and to making an early impact against other contenders.

Mr Hart has probably calculated that a third Senate campaign would be too risky for a person with presidential ambitions. His seat is considered pivotal to the Democrats' hopes of recapturing control of the Senate, but he won by just 1 per cent in 1984. His withdrawal means that the Democratic candidate will probably be Representative Timothy Wirth, who will face one of three Republican candidates, each of whom has a strong chance in a state that traditionally votes Republican.

Mr Hart, whose appeal to young Democratic voters in 1984 seemed to mark a break with former traditional Democratic policies and stand him in good stead as the party rethought its strategy, has been busy in the past year sharpening his views on issues such as trade and a tax on imported oil.

He faces a crowded field in his presidential attempt. Another strong contender would be Governor Mario Cuomo of New York. Others are Governor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona, Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey, and Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware, all of whom are younger than Mr Hart, who is 50. His image is still fuzzy, and he has yet to build support

US ready to help Mexico clear debt

From John Carlin
Mexicali, Mexico

President Reagan told President de la Madrid of Mexico that the United States was ready and willing to help Mexico overcome its dangerous debt crisis but, after their talks last Friday, it is evident that the problem of Central America remains a stumbling block to relations.

Mr Reagan told Señor de la Madrid that the US would support a current effort by Mexico to raise fresh loans from foreign banks this year of $4 billion (£2.7 million). Without this money, Washington knows, the nightmare possibility of social unrest along the 2,000-mile southern US border would loom larger than ever.

"The lack of growth in Latin America generates serious problems, opening the door to political instability," said President de la Madrid. He said the industrialized nations should pay urgent attention to the demands of debtor nations.

The Mexican President was said to be receptive to a debt package which President Reagan's delegation came to the summit to promote. Known as "The Baker Plan" after the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, it involves providing debtor nations with enough new loans for growth to be possible. But the loans would be tied to internal economic reforms aimed at fortifying the role of the private sector.

The two presidents, both alarmed at the prospect of instability in Mexico, are clearly willing to act in harmony to try and restore the Mexican economy.

However, senior US officials made clear afterwards that Central America remained a source of friction. Clearly President de la Madrid was referring to this when he said in a lunchtime address to President Reagan that there had been a growth in the potential areas of conflict between the two nations.

President Reagan's address centred on the need for Mexico and the US to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of democracy. As the US officials explained, left-wing Nicaragua is perceived by Washington to be the principal obstacle to democracy, the principal exporter of terrorism in Latin America.

Mexico does not agree. President de la Madrid reiterated his opposition to America's attempt to "ring the bell of freedom", as President Reagan put it, through the military overthrow of the Nicaraguan Government.

Canada's provinces threaten trade deal

From John Best
Ottawa

A potentially serious rift between the Federal Government and Canada's two central provinces is threatening to scuttle negotiations for a free-trade deal with the US before they even get started.

The two provinces, Ontario and Quebec, together have more than half the national population of 25 million, and most of the country's industrial power.

The premiers, Mr David Peterson of Ontario and Mr Robert Bourassa of Quebec, have been saying recently that the provinces are entitled to a veto over any decisions taken at the projected trade talks.

This would make the task of the chief Canadian negotiator, Mr Simon Reisman, a former deputy minister of finance, almost impossible, and would also increase regional differences over free trade.

The four western and four Atlantic provinces generally favour free trade, but the two central provinces are cool to hostile.

The Western and Atlantic provinces will be watching Mr Reisman closely to see that their interests are protected, and will be insisting on the right to full consulation every step of the way. But they clearly do not wish to hamstring the negotiator by demands for a veto.

The western and easternmost parts of Canada have long regarded the national tariff structure as a device to build up central Canadian industry at their expense.

They regard free or freer trade with the US as an opportunity to break down barriers that have kept the price of American goods artificially high in Canada, and perhaps also make it possible to build up their own industry. Strains on Canadian confederation are thus inherent in the planned negotiations.

Canada and the US have by far the largest bilateral commercial partnership in the world. Trade is running at about $Can160 billion (£80 billion) a year.

Canada enjoys a healthy surplus of around $20 billion a year, but the Government here is nervous about a growing protectionist trend in the US Congress, which could play havoc with Canadian exports.

Beyond that there is growing apprehension in Canada that the country is exposed by being the only leading industrialized country or trade bloc without an internal market of 100 million or more. If trade wars ever started among the giants, Canada would surely get caught in the crossfire, yet hardly be in a position to defend itself.

At a recent meeting in Halifax, the provincial premiers and the federal Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney, agreed that the provinces should have "full participation" in the US negotiations. But they did not even attempt – because they would not have succeeded – to define just what full participation entails. This is to be worked out over a 90-day period of what promises to be strenuous talks.

On the US side, President Reagan has informed Congress of his administration's intention to enter into trade talks with Canada and Congress has 60 days in which to forestall the negotiations.

If it takes no action it will be deemed to have given Mr Reagan the mandate he seeks. Administration sources have predicted that this will happen, despite the concern of some American industries

Meanwhile, Canadian nationalist forces of every description are mobilizing to fight against free trade, which they fear will undermine Canada's independence and perhaps, untimately, lead to its political absorption.

CBI's 'pay hypocrisy' criticized

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Company profits and the salaries of senior executives have risen at a faster rate than the pay of their employees, according to a report publichsed today which also accuses the Confederation of British Industry of "hypocrisy" in calling for lower wage settlements.

The report, by Mr John Hughes, principle of Ruskin College Oxford, for the Trade Union Research Unit, says that the "nowt for nowt" call by Sir Terence Beckett, the director general, at the confederation's conference in Harrogate was an attempt to reduce the issues of incomes distribution "to a slogan couched in a supposed Yorkshire dialect."

Mr Hughes advances the argument that pay is being pulled from the top by large increases at the top of the scales rather than being pushed up from below.

"There are a number of worrying features emerging in the handling of remuneration and rewards of business executives sufficiently so as to make them the last people who should seek to lecture other groups on their acquisitive instincts," the report says.

It states the dividends of ordinary shares of industrial and commercial companies rose by 68 per cent between 1981 and 1984. Chief executives of the largest companies had on average 16 per cent pay increases in 1984 and incentive payments to those senior executives increased by 184 per cent in the year to October 1984.

Mr Hughes says that while real gross trading profits rose by 45 per cent between 1981 and 1984, the real pay of employees increased by at best 2 per cent, and claims that the big rise in profits had been achieved by companies remoing workers "en mass" from their pay bills.

Mr Hughes is also critical of companies' unwillingness to invest increased profits and records that manufacturing investment between 1981 and 1984 fell short of renewing productive assets by £5.5 billion.

Mr Hughes points out that it is a normal feature of the business cycle that in a period of "upswing" the employment share of income in national product falls and profits rise. "So a degree of disproportion is to be expected, but in the 1980s we are looking at massive changes packed into a short period of time," he says.

Economic Appraisal. No 41 (Trade Union Research Unit, 23 Worcester Place, Oxford OX1 2JW).

Ion shield for VDU operators

A compact device that could reduce the potential hazards of visual display units has been developed in Britain.

The device, not much bigger than two cigarette packets, has a rotating blade that creates an invisible ion shield between the VDU screen and the operator.

It is called an Ion Drive, and is the first of a new generation of negative ion generators which clears the air of dust, smoke and germs by giving out a negative electrical charge.

Research has shown that VDU screens can attract harmful airborne particles and hurl them rapidly at the operator, possibly causing blurred vision, conjunctivitis, head, neck and back aches, nausea and irritability.

A spokesman for the London Ioniser Centre said: "The device is not claimed to be the answer to the potential problems caused by continual exposure to VDUs, but it has proved effective and could soon become a familiar feature of any environment where screens are in use".

Coroner's order on Phil Lynott

A post-mortem examination is to be carried out today on Phil Lynott, the former Thin Lizzy vocalist, who died aged 35 on Saturday.

Mr John Elgar, the Wiltshire coroner, ordered the examination to help him decide whether to hold an inquest. Lynott died after 11 days in Salisbury Infirmary's intensive care unit, where he had been transferred after treatment in a clinic specializing in drink and drug addiction.

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Hugh Thomas sues journalist

Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, the author and historian Hugh Thomas, has taken out a writ in the High Court against Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, associate editor of the *Sunday Telegraph*, over an item in his diary column in *The Spectator* on December 14.

Lord Thomas, aged 54, is chairman of the Centre for Policy Studies. He claims damages for libel from the magazine's publishers and from Mr Worsthorne.

Airport patrolled

Armed troops were at Heathrow Airport again yesterday as the joint police/Army anti-terrorist exercise, code-named Operation Trustee, entered its fifth day.

Radio says Syria pulled out missiles

From Our Correspondent
Jerusalem

Israel defence forces were said last night to have confirmed American reports that Syria had withdrawn to its own territory mobile Sam-6 and Sam-8 anti-aircraft missiles it had deployed in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

The Israeli confirmation of reports by American television networks at the weekend was made by Israel Radio, which had earlier in the day reported that Israel was monitoring the situation in the Bekaa Valley but officially would neither confirm nor deny that the missiles had been redeployed.

Military analysts here say that the precise location of the Sam-6s and Sam-8s a few kilometres on one side or the other of the Syrian border is of little significance.

The main threat to Israeli reconnaissance missions over Lebanon, the analysts point out, is posed not by the short-range Sam-6s and Sam-8s but by the much longer range Sam-2s. These were moved close to Syria's border with Lebanon last month following the downing of two Syrian fighters by Israeli aircraft operating over Lebanon in November.

● TEL AVIV: Two Palestinian youths have been arrested on suspicion of killing a Jewish taxi driver in Lod, and they may be linked to an earlier attack on another driver, police said yesterday. (AP reports).

Strike called by French air controllers

Paris (Reuter) – French air traffic controllers have called a one-day strike today, but minimum service will be provided for both national and international flights, airport authorities said.

The National Air Traffic Controllers Union said 20 internal flights and 60 international flights, arrivals and departures, would be handled during the stoppage to meet the minimum service requirements of a recent government decree. Handling of overflights will be halved.

Rhodes trustees to seek 'whites only' rule change

New York (NYT) – The British trustees who administer the Rhodes scholarships plan to ask the British Government for permission to change a provision in the founder's will restricting two of the scholarships awards yearly in South Africa to schools that admit only whites.

The decision to ask whether the bequest of Cecil Rhodes may be altered represents a shift in the trustees' policy and comes after a two-year dispute between them and Rhodes scholars over the issue.

In speeches, in a petition drive, and in articles in the *American Oxonian*, graduate's quarterly, past and present scholarship recipients, mostly Americans and Canadians, have said that the process for awarding the South African scholarships is unfair to blacks, whose labour built the fortune that finances the awards.

Since the scholarships were founded at the turn of the century to provide outstanding youths, mostly from British colonies or former colonies, with two or three years of paid study at Oxford University, nearly 700 South Africans have won. Only about six have been non-whites.

In his will, Rhodes, a diamond entrepreneur who died in 1902, reserved scholarships in South Africa for four secondary schools in Cape Province. Students apply based on their affiliation with these schools, a system unlike that in any of the 17 other countries where the scholarships are given.

At the time of the bequest, all four schools were private. Two have since become state-supported and, under the policy of apartheid, admit only whites. The two other schools remain private and admit a small number of non-whites.

Anzus rift puts Australia in nuclear spotlight

In an increasingly perilous world, Australians have good reason to be thankful for their geographical remoteness and isolation. The split between the United States and New Zealand – Australia's partners in Anzus – over visits to New Zealand by US warships, however, is causing Canberra political as well as military disquiet. In the first of two articles, STEPHEN TAYLOR reports on the Australian government's approach to defence policy.

The rift in Anzus and the growing communist threat in the Philippines has made Australia more crucial than ever to US interests in the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Satisfaction in Canberra with that knowledge is tempered by concern at the effect that a raised Australian defence profile might have on domestic affairs. Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, has managed to control anti-nuclear sentiment within the Labor Party only with some fancy footwork and at some personal cost.

Three highly-sensitive US defence facilities on Australian soil are operated jointly by the two countries. Most functions of the installations at Pine Gap, Nurrungar and North-West Cape are kept secret, but they are known to include missile surveillance. According to a number of strategic surveys, these installations make Australia a prime target in a US-Soviet confrontation.

Both Mr Hawke and the US, therefore, need to be concerned over the possibility of the Australian Labor Party being

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seized by the same kind of anti-nuclear fervour as its New Zealand counterpart. When Mr Hawke went into an election just over a year ago there was no likelihood of a Labor defeat. But he had reason to fear embarrassment from the Nuclear Disarmament Party (NDP), a hastily assembled coalition of neutralists and left-wingers.

In the event, the NDP performed poorly, but the Labor leadership looked rattled enough at times in the campaign to suggest that the issue will remain ripe for exploitation a due time by a better organized force, possibly the left, which detests Mr Hawke.

Indeed the MX missile fiasco soon afterwards, when the Prime Minister was forced into a humiliating climbdown on support for US tests in the Pacific, demonstrated the division within his own cabinet, which includes a number of ministers whose convictions are broadly anti-nuclear, including Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister.

Overall, however, it is perhaps this balance in the Government that has enabled it to steer a path through the difficulties. Mr Hayden's successful advocacy of a nuclear-free zone in the South Pacific can be set against Mr Hawke's firm commitment to Anzus. Moreover, Mr Hawke has been able to show he is no slavish adherent to a Washington line, as evidenced by his opposition to Star Wars.

The Government's even-handedness has extended to its dealings with Anzus partners as the alliance has unravelled, and for much the same reason. Taking sides against New Zealand would have caused domestic repercussions.

In private, government sources express exasperation with the Lange Government. One senior figure in the administration says: "We keep getting a concrete block dropped on our toes because they forget to say they are handing it to us".

Note: In addition to Anzus, Australia is involved in the five-power defence arrangement with Britain, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore and assists regional allies under the defence cooperation programme. The following is a table for the estimated DCP expenditure in 1985-86. (Figs in 1,000s of Australian dollars. Approx 48p to the dollar).

Papua New Guinea	–	20,079
Indonesia	–	9,947
Malaysia	–	5.667
Singapore	–	1,449
Others (Asia and Pacific)	–	15,562
Total	–	52,754

Officials in Canberra expect that the next step in the dispute will be made in mid-year when the New Zealand legislation on restricted access to its ports by nuclear-powered or -armed ships should have been through the committee stage and be ready for enactment. If, as looks likely, the US terminates all cooperation with New Zealand as a result, what happens to the alliance?

Mr Hayden discussed this question with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, in October and also with Mr Geoffrey Palmer, New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister.

Both Australia and the US would be reluctant to renegotiate a new bilateral treaty. Canberra might be in a stronger position in its relations with the US than ever before, but scrapping Anzus and starting all over again, with the stimulus that would give the neutralist and anti-nuclear lobbies, is the last thing the Government wants.

Nor is there any desire from the US side for a new treaty. Mr Paul Wolfowitz, Assistant Secretary of State, said in a satellite link-up interview recently that he would prefer the present treaty to remain the framework for a bilateral arrangement.

It has been suggested that the one way this could be accomplished would be an exchange of letters between Washington and Canberra keeping Anzus open as a treaty and leaving New Zealand as a sleeping partner – and in a position to resume membership if the anti-nuclear legislation is rescinded by a future government.

Tomorrow: Defence project

More heads roll as Soviet leader intensifies purge of the old guard

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The purge of elderly Soviet officials and their replacement by a new breed of younger, more technologically minded men by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has continued with the sacking of Mr Vladimir Promyslov, the long-standing Mayor of Moscow, who has been forced into retirement at the age of 77.

The Kremlin leadership has at the same time continued with its ruthless purge of the Soviet Union's four Central Asian republics, widely regarded as the most corrupt in the country.

Izvestia yesterday reported that a large number of senior Communist Party officials had been sacked and severely reprimanded in the Republic of Kirgazia for allowing what the paper described as a drop in economic performance and moral standards.

Izvestia reported that the sacked officials had allowed a sharp drop in the region's agricultural production; had paid too little attention to the teaching of Russian in local schools; and had turned a blind eye to the considerable number of officials abusing their positions. It added that the dismissed men had also done nothing to eradicate "extremely prevalent and harmful vestiges of old, dark, religious prejudices".

The removal of the powerful Moscow mayor – disclosed by Soviet television – came less than two weeks after Mr Gorbachov succeeded in securing the removal of Mr Viktor Grishin, aged 71, from his influential position as head of the Moscow City Communist Party.

Mr Grishin had been seen as one of three opponents of Mr Gorbachov's new style remaining inside the administration of the Soviet capital are seen by observers as further evidence that Mr Gorbachov is intent on ruthlessly removing dead wood right up until next month's Communist Party Congress. Like his party ally Mr Grishin, Mr Promyslov had come under increasing pressure from the Kremlin following bitter criticism of the city administration in the official Soviet Press.



Mr Vladimir Promyslov: forced to retire

The brief television announcement revealed that Mr Promyslov, who had held his post since the early 1960s had been replaced as chairman of the Moscow City Soviet (council) by Mr Valery Saikin, head of the city's "Zil" car factory. The ex-mayor was said to be going into "retirement".

Diplomats noted that the removal of the mayor had taken place at a special meeting attended by Mr Boris Yeltsin, aged 54, the engineer who took over as Moscow Communist Party chief from Mr Grishin and who is regarded as an up-and-coming political star very much in Mr Gorbachov's own image.

Since Mr Gorbachov took control in the Kremlin in March, considerably more than 20 per cent of all Communist Party officials in the country have been removed. As yet, there has been no sign of the purge letting up.

ing inside the ruling 12 man Politburo. He is expected to lose his seat there later this year and his fall, togeher with Mr Promyslov, is likely soon to have far-reaching repercussions for entrenched officials further down the bureaucratic ladder.

The sweeping new purges

Portuguese left backs dissident in election

Lisbon (Reuter) – Portugal's presidental contest intensified this weekend after the powerful Communist Party decided to back the dissident Socialist candidate Senhor Francisco Salgado Zenha in the election later this month.

A national conference of the staunchly Moscow-aligned party voted last night to back the 63-year-old lawyer as the only "candidate of democracy" capable of beating the right wing.

The Communist Party regularly wins 16-20 per cent of the vote at local and general elections.

Senhor Zenha, the last of the four main presidential contenders to declare his candidacy, is challenging his former colleague and co-founder of the Socialist Party, Senhor Mario Soares.

Senhor Soares, who has led three governments as prime minister since the country's 1974 overthrow of dictatorship, is bitterly opposed by the Communists because of his strong anti-Communist stand during the turbulent months after the revolution. The more radical Senhor Zenha has supported Senhor Soares against the Communists but the two men later clashed over Socialist Party policies

The Communist Party has labelled Senhor Soares a right-wing candidate alongside former Christian Democratic leader Senhor Diogo Freitas do Amaral.



Firemen sifting the wreckage of a house in the Gentilly suburb of Paris, after a gas blast yesterday which injured two people

New team in Brussels confronts crisis over EEC spending

From Richard Owen, Brussels

As the dust settles in Brussels after a remarkably successful shake up of the EEC Commission by its President, M Jacques Delors, senior Commission sources gave a warnig at the weekend that the new 17-member commission faces an impending financial crisis over both farm spending and over-stretched structural funds.

One senior official said: "Delors deserves all praise for the smooth incorporation of Spain and Portugal. Now the problems begin."

There was widespread admiration for the way in which M Delors had manouevred deftly to persuade commissioners to part with some of their Portfolios to accommodate the two Spanish commissioners, Señor Manuel Marin and Señor Able Matutes, and th Commissioner from Portugal, Señor Antonio Cardoso E Cunha. Only Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the junior British Commissioner, stood firm, arguing that he had to keep control of the transport protfolio to ensure continuity and to inspire confidence in shipping, airlines and other transport industries.

M Delors himself retained monetary affairs, having earlier hinted that he might give it up, an adroit move which encouraged Commissioners to be more amenable in relinquishing their own portfolios. Mr Frans Andriessen of Holland, Mr Grigoris Varfis of Greece, Mr Peter Sutheriand of the Irish Republic and Mr Alois Pfeiffer of West Germany all made concessions to give Spain social affairs and financial instruments and Portugal fisheries.

But the most complex bit of reshuffling has aroused criticism, as it leaves Mr Varfis with an important say in structural funds, where Greece has a vested interest, and consumer protection, where Greece's record is one of the poorest in the EEC. Coordination of structural funds, formerly the EEC president's own fief, goes to Mr Varfis to compensate him for the loss of regional affairs to Herr Pfeiffer, who in turn conceded employment to Señor Marin.

The transfer of consumer protection to Mr Varfis from Mr Clinton Davis is a relatively minor oconcession which leaves the consumer portfolio low on the list of commission priorities.

But it is the depleted structural funds which present the reorganized Delors Commission with one of its largest headaches in 1986. The funds, which cover regional aid, agricultural investment and Mediterranean aid programmes, are the subject of dispute between the Council of Ministers and the European parliament, and could run dry within a few months unless the budget crisis is resolved.

Facelift for Moral Majority

From Michael Binyon
Washington

In a clear attempt to counter an increasing negative public reaction, the Rev Jerry Falwell, leader of Moral Majority, has announced that the hard-line conservative religious lobby group is to change its name and broaden its activities.

The new group will be called Liberty Federation. It will still be a religious lobby and focus on "moral issues" such as abortion, pornography and school prayers, but it will now embrace overtly political issues, such as aid to Nicaraguan Contras; resistance to Communism in Taiwan, the Philippines and South Africa; and support for President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative.

Mr Falwell, an aggressive opponent of liberalism and a pillar of the New Right in the United States, said he was not disbanding or retreating, and blamed the press for the fall in support for Moral Majority. The press had "bloodied and beaten the name Moral Majority" since its founding in 1979, he said.

After accusing Bishop Desmond Tutu of being a "phoney" during a visit to South Africa last year, the Baptist minister from Lynchburg, Virginia, has steadily slipped in popularity ratings and in his ability to raise funds.

Opponents of Mr Falwell claimed that the change would show Moral Majority as really being a right wing political organization.

Big deal by press baron challenged

From Diana Geddes
Paris

The surprise purchase of one of the most important French provincial newspapers groups by M Robert Hersant, who is already by far the most powerful press baron in France, has caused an uproar, particularly as it seems to be in direct opposition to a law banning press monopolies.

M Georges Filioud, Minister for Communications, said that the pruchase of the eight titles in *Le Progrès* group of Lyons was illegal under the law passed in October 1984, which forbade any one person or newspaper group acquiring new titles if their existing newpapers exceeded the prescribed quotas of 10 per cent of national daily sales, and 10 per cent of provincial sales.

Even before buying *Le Progrès*, which was on the verge of bankruptcy, Mr Hersant has exceeded those quotas, but the law could not be applied retroactively. His empire accounted for 38 per cent of national daily sales, including *Le Figaro*, and 19 per cent of provincial daily sales. In addition, he owns 30 local radio stations, a press agency and an advertising agency, and is well advanced in his plan to buy a television channel as soon as the right comes to power

The commission set up under the press monopolies law said that M Hersant had failed to inform them of his plans to buy *Le Progrès* and that it would be examining the legality of the situation at its meeting on Thursday.

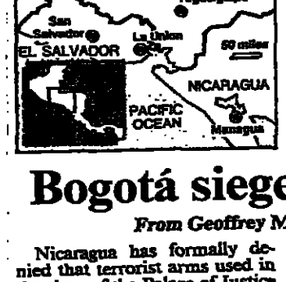
Peace marchers aim to enter Salvador by boat

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

About 200 international peace campaigners, rejected by every Central American country except Nicaragua, say they will try to enter El Salvador by boat.

They gathered last month in Panama from about 40 countries and set out to march through Central America before ending their journey in Mexico.

In their most spectacular action to date, they are preparing to set out in small vessels tomorrow from northern Nicaragua and sail across the heavily patrolled Gulf of Fonseca to La Union in El Salvador. They are almost certain to be intercepted at sea by Salvadorean patrol boats, or refused landing by immigration officials.



The marchers say the action will help to focus world attention on their plea for peace in Cnetral America.

Late last week, after El Salvador announced that the demonstrators would be refused entry, 20 peace marchers entered San Salvador surreptitiously by air. Then they set out in buses with about 500 local supporters for guerrilla-controlled territory.

The left-wing guerilla coali tion had announced that the marchers would be welcomed as they passed through sectors under rebel control. But plans were thwarted when the buses were turned back

Another 20 demonstrators quietly entered Honduras by air late last week and, according to radio reports, took part in several small peace marches on Friday. On Saturday they reportedly flew from Honduras to Mexico.

At the weekend the bulk of the marchers gave up attempts to cross by land from Nicaragua to Honduras. After spending the holiday period in Nicaragua, they had camped for several days at the remote border crossing of El Espino, where heavily armed Honduran soldiers blocked their passage.

Bogotá siege role denied

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Nicaragua has formally denied that terrorist arms used in the siege of the Palace of Justice in Bogotá, Colombia, last November were supplied to the April 19 Movement (M-19) by the Sandanista Government.

The denial of "any interference" in Colombia's internal affairs was made at the weekend by the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, Father Miguel D'Escoto, in a letter to his Colombian counterpart, Señor Augusto Ramirez Ocampo.

Father D'Escoto also denied that a Mass celebrated in a Managua church three days after the siege and attended by the Sandanista Interior Minister, Señor Tomas Borge, had been in memory of M-19 "martyrs" killed in the siege.

After an extensive investigation, Colombia is convinced that the M-19 arms used in the siege came from Nicaragua.

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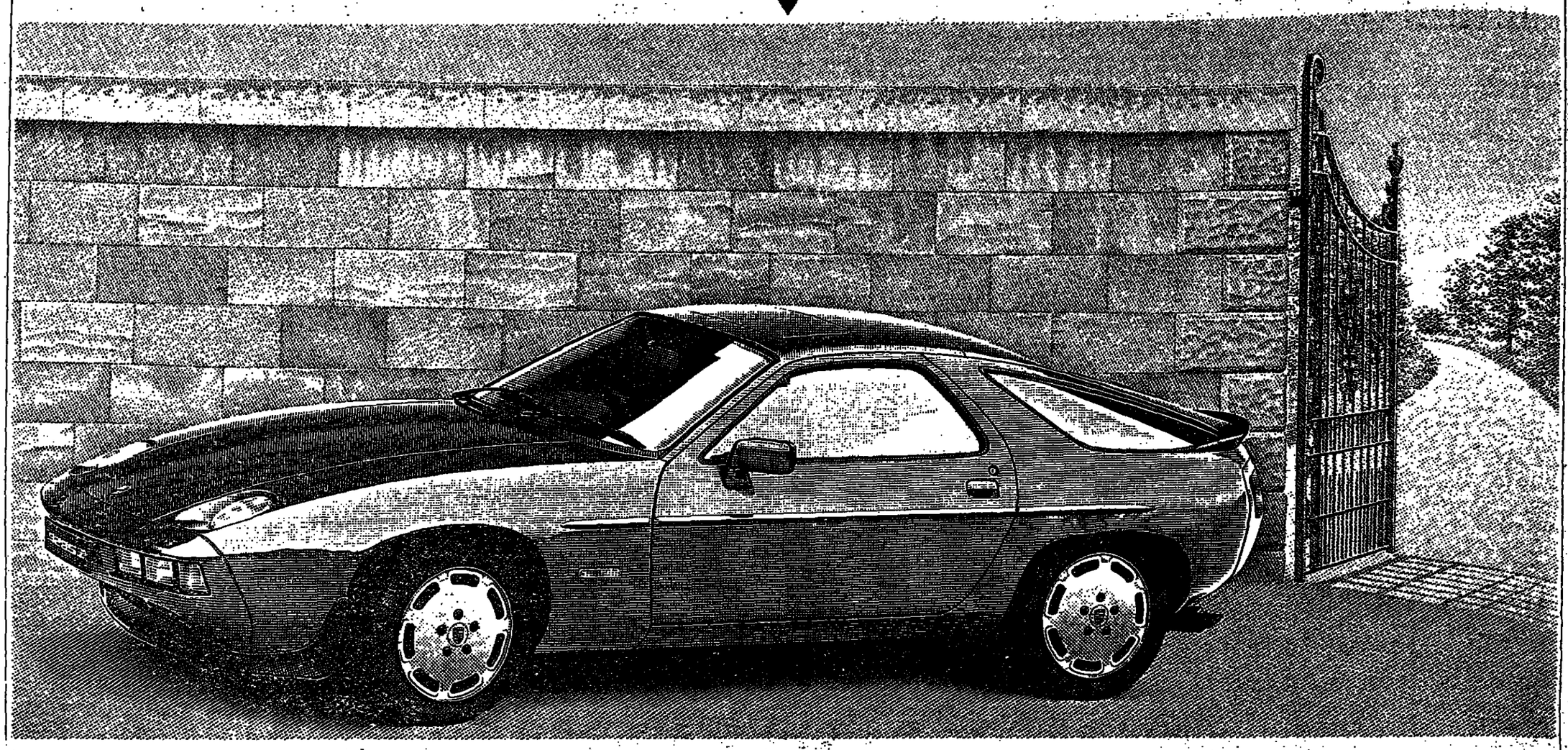
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Minister sets strategic priorities

Chinese arms factories ordered to increase output of civilian goods

From Mary Lee, Peking

The Chinese Ordnance Ministry has ordered all its weapons factories to turn to civilian production, "No matter how heavy their military commitments might be". The Ordnance Minister, Mr Zou Jiahua, said that combined production of military and civilian goods was "a long-term policy of strategic importance".

He said that the transport, energy, telecommunications and buildings material sectors were priorities.

The Ordnance Ministry – which is responsible for making conventional weapons for the People's Liberation Army (PLA) – was among the first of China's seven defence industries to make civilian products several years ago. Its trading arm, China North Industries Corporation (Norinco), has also been exporting conventional weapons to the Middle East.

Last year, according to Mr Zou, its weapons factories made 500,000 motor cycles, 250,000 cameras, 100,000 refrigerators, 450,000 bicycles and 7,000 other vehicles, the total value of which was 2 billion yuan (£412 million) – an increase of 51.1 per cent on 1984.

Ten per cent of this total was exported to 24 countries. The 1986 target is to raise the value of civilian production by 50 per cent, he said.

According to the State Council's Commission of Science, Technology and Industry, which is overseeing the transformatin of defence industrial capacity to civilian lines, the number of civilian items produced has risen from sightly more than 400 in 1983 to nearly 9,000 last year. The State Economic Commission (SEC) said recently that the proportion of consumer goods produced by the defence establishment had grown from 18 per cent to 26 per cent in 1984.

The move to integrate production of civilian goods into Chana's defence industry began in 1980, when the leadership recognised that the independent paths pursued by the two sectors "caused the state to suffer considerable losses in financial, material and human resources", a report published by the SEC said in May. There is still massive idle capacity in the defence industries while the civilian sector cannot meet domestic demand for consumer goods.

The SEC report said that, because of 30 years of rigid demarcation between military and civilian industries, China still cannot make civilian airliners, even though it has been making military aircraft since 1954.

Another example cited was that, 20 years after China exploded its first atom bomb in 1964, it still cannot produce a nuclear power plant. "Foreign firms have reaped staggering profits while our country suffered losses," the report said.

It also said that it was unlikely that the country could intergrate its military-civilian industrial structure in the near future, "because it involves a good many complicated problems." The Ord nance Ministry's decision – plans for its civilian line have not been published – is one of the steps which the SEC report recommends should be taken.

Analysts said that the move is probably connected with the decision not to increase the defence budget significantly in the next few years. The other objective in the military-civilian industrial integration plan, they say is to improve the defence establishment's technological base without massive state investment.

China recently announced that its newly-created national defence university would train senior officers in modern warfare.

Britons are only 10 days from Pole

By Gregory Neale

The three Britons attempting to walk to the South Pole are thought to be 10 days from their goal, while an audacious plan to bring them back is about to go into action.

The three men, Robert Swan, aged 28, from Durham, Roger Mear, aged 35, from Birmingham, and Gareth Wood, aged 33, who was born in Edinburgh but now lives in Canada, are retracing the steps of Captain Scott's ill-fated expedition of 1910-1912.

They have hauled their equipment and provisions on sledges from their base at Cape Evans, at the edge of the continent, across the Ross ice shelf, via the Beardmore glacier and across the polar plateau on their way to the pole, a journey of about 883 miles.

The men do not have provisions for the return journey from the Pole, where there is a small, permanently inhabited US research base. The expedition's organizers, who have refused outside assistance, have therefore taken a converted Cessna 185 light aircraft by ship to Cape Evans, and plan to fly the men out, one or two at a time.

It is believed to be the first time that a single-engine flight to the South Pole has been attempted.

The expedition's coordinator, Mr Richard Down, said in London yesterday: "It has been suggested in some of the overseas press that we would resort to the Americans to help get the men back from the South Pole. That has never been part of our plans. The use of the Cessna has been carefully thought out, and represents the expedition's solution to maintaining its independence and integrity."

He added: "We have always regarded it necessary to show we can conduct the entire expedition without any outside assistance, except in emergency."

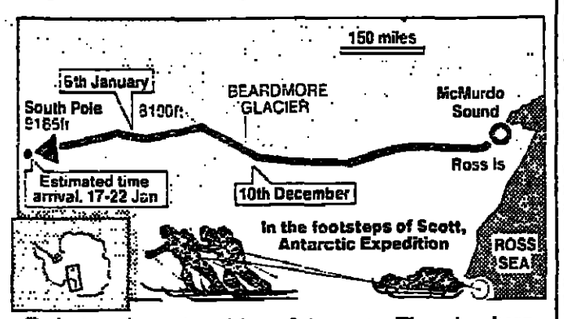
If the expedition had followed the example of Captain Scott, and attempted a trek to the pole and back, supported by extra men and caches of supplies established along the way, it would have cost an estimated £4 million, Mr Down said.

The Cessna has had modified fuel tanks, skis and survival equipment fitted for its 1,780-mile round trip. It was then dismantled and loaded on board the expedition's support ship, the Southern Quest, which is due to arrive at Cape Evans on Thursday.

On the men's return to Cape Evans they will sail in the Southern Quest to New Zealand, and then return to Britain.



The British team: (left to right) Robert Swan, Roger Mear and Gareth Wood.



Today's estimated position of the party. There has been no actual sighting since December 10.

At the weekend, the expedition, which has not been sighted since December 10, was estimated to be close to the position the explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton reached on January 7, 1909, before being forced to turn back.

Captain Scott reached the pole on January 17, 1912, to find that the Norwegian explorer Amundsen and his expedition had beaten them.

Downcast, and amid steadily worsening weather, Scott's party retraced their journey. Supplies ran out.

Petty Officer Edgar Evans died after a fall. Captain Lawrence Oates, crippled by frostbite, sacrificed himself.

Finally, in the late March, 1912, Scott and his surviving colleagues, Dr Edward Wilson and Lieutenant Henry Bowers died in their tent, marooned in another blizzard, just 11 miles from a supply cache.

Bid to heal Cambodia rift by US Democrat

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

A leading American Congressman is trying to heal divisions in the largest of the anti-communist factions in the Cambodian resistance by meeting Mr Son Sann, reportedly ousted as President of the Khmer Peoples' National Liberation Front (KPNLF), and leaders of the rebel group which appears to have deposed him.

Mr Stephen Solarz a New York Democrat and chairman of the House of Representatives sub-committee on Asia and the Pacific, will also discuss with them the distribution of $5 million (£3.3 million) aid available for the KPNLF and for Prince Sihanouk's national Army.

Although the KPNLF rebels appear to be in charge of military and civilian affairs at their encampments near the Thai-Kampuchean border, Mr Son Sann told *The Times* that he still had the support of friendly foreign governments, particularly the United States, China and those in the Association of South East Asian Nations.

He claimed that the majority of Cambodians in camps along the border also supported him but he said they had been given no chance to express their views. The leaders of the rebels, General Sak Sutsakhan and General Dien Del, had established an illegal group to control the KPNLF

Another Peking visitor upsets Hong Kong

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

Another visit to Hong Kong by a high-ranking Chinese officer has caused acrimony. It was the second time in a month that Chinese visitor had caused upset. This time it was Mr Lu Ping, Secretary General of the Chinese Government Office for Hong Kong and Macao affairs. On arrival here at the weekend, Mr Lu gave a warning that the Hong Kong Government's present measures for electoral and political reform could turn into a "melée".

This follows remarks by other senior Chinese officials concerned with Hong Kong to the effect that Britain has no business sanctioning the introduction of a democratically elected legislature before China has drafted the "basic law" or mini-constitution which will apply to the territory when it reverts to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

Mr Lu was quoted officially as saying that he would remain in Hong Kong for about a month, to gather the views of local people concerning the basic law, whose elaboration was agreed in the 1984 Sino-British agreement on the future of the colony.

The basic law drafting committee sits in Peking and contains only a small proportion of Hong Kong citizens, the rest being officials and notables from China.

There was considerable dissatisfaction here recently when Mr Lu's superior, Mr Ji Pengfen, head of the Hong Kong and Macao Office, gave a press conference at which he answered only a few written questions supplied two days in advance, and refused to answer any supplementary questions.

The Hong Kong Journalists' Association demanded that in future Chinese officials speaking to the press here should do so in a more spontaneous manner.

Mr Lu said his mission here was to listen but not talk. This may, in the opinion of observers, give grounds for optimism that the Chinese Government has been embarrassed by the hostile response to Mr Ji's press conference.

Strike brings Dhaka to a halt

From Ahmed Fazl
Dhaka

At least 50 people, including a dozen policemen, were injured yesterday as angry mobs set buses on fire and threw stones during a dawn-to-noon general strike called by opposition parties pressing for the lifting of martial law.

A British High Commission minibus was set ablaze at Dhaka University and a car carrying a government minister was stoned as it sped past pickets, police said.

The city was paralysed as public transport stopped running, train and river services were disrupted and all flights were cancelled. Shops and banks closed and all educational institutions shut in response to the strike call by the opposition alliances and the Jamaat-E-Islami.

Police arrested more than 600 people including a large number of street "urchins" from the city late on Saturday night in an attempt to curb picketing opposition sources said. About 12 others were arrested yesterday as truckloads of riot police patrolled the city

The strike was the first show of strength by the opposition after President Ershad lifted a 10-month ban on open politics on New Year's Day. On Saturday, General Ershad appealed to people to ignore the strike call, promising early elections.

The land of a million millionaires

Washington (AP) – Being rich is no longer a one-in-a-million occurrence in the United States.

In fact, by the end of this year, one American household in 100 will have a net worth of $1 million or more, according to *US News & World Report* – a total of a million millionaires.

Citing information from market researchers, the magazine said the route to riches is more likely to be that of an entrepreneur than of a professional. The typical US millionaire is a white male in his early 60s, still married to his first wife and with a business catering to the ordinary needs of his neighbours, it reported.

"The real way people make money is . . . hard work for 30 years, six days a week," said Professor Thomas Stanley, of the marketing department of Georgia State University who has been watching millionaires for more than a decade.

Nor does fortune always go with fame. Entertainers, athletes, writers and the like make up less than 1 per cent of the millionaire population. Eighty per cent of the elite group did not inherit their wealth, but came from middle or working-class backgrounds.

Many millionaires do not see themselves as rich.

The highest concentration of millionaires is found in Florida, where 19 out of 1,000 are in that category.

13 Indian parties agree to work for federalism

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

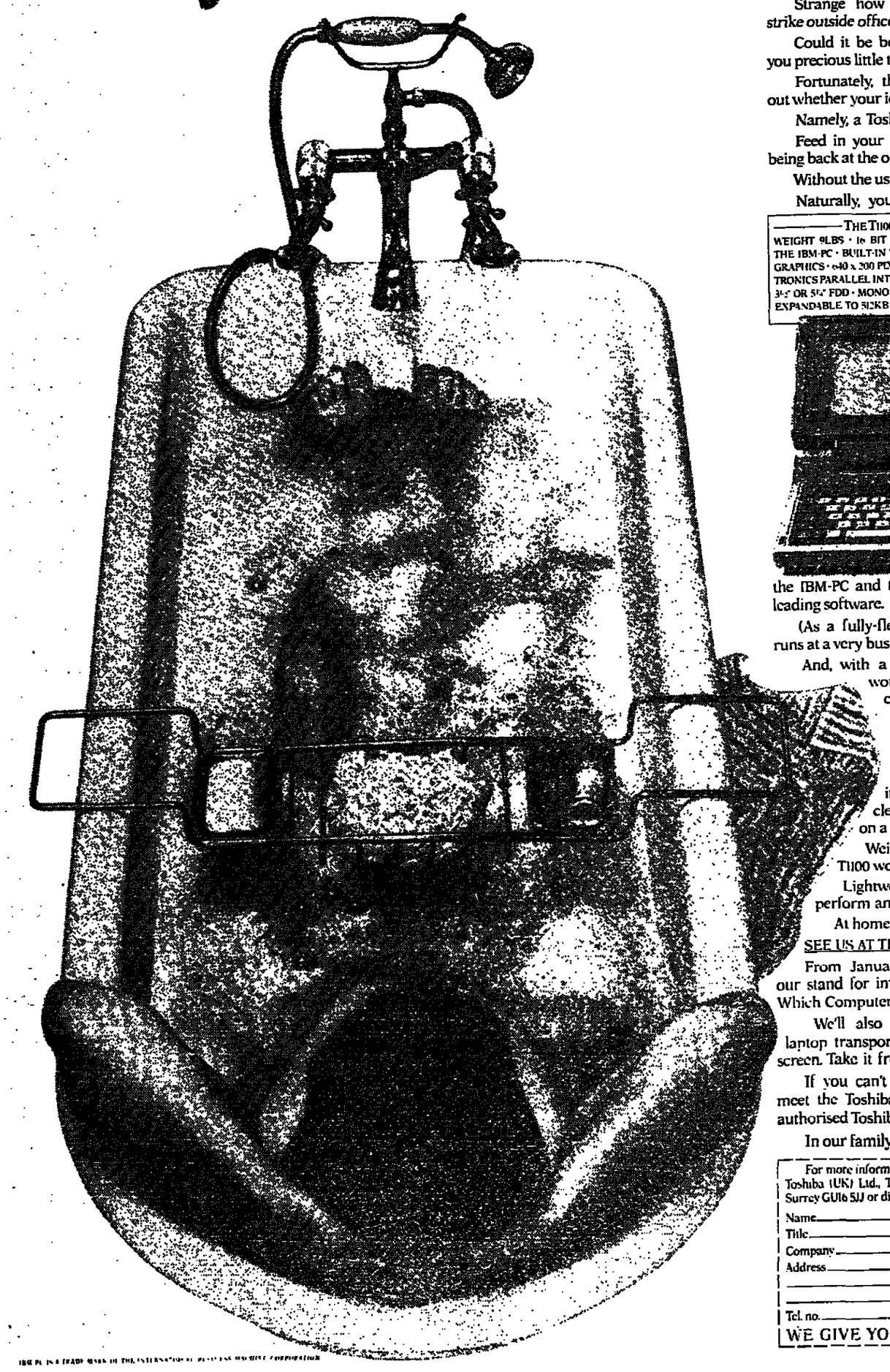
Thirteen non-Communist opposition parties with nearly 60 members among them in the Lok Sabha, India's Lower House, have decided to "forge a forum" to work for "true federalism". They have taken exception to regional parties being dubbed "anti-national" by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister.

The forum idea has yet to be given a shape, name and headquarters; a more immediate outcome is the decision "to coordinate the efforts, both inside the legislature and outside".

The initiative has come from Mr N. T. Rama Rao, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, a southern state where Congress (I) was routed in the last elections. He has been advocating the formation of Bharat Desam (Indian Country) since his win at the state polls.

Two chief ministers who responded to Mr Rao's invitation to the meeting in Hyderabad are Mr Ramakrishna Hegde of Karnataka, who represents the Janata party, and Mr Surjit Singh Barnala of the Punjab, who belongs to the Sikh Akali Dal. The Asom Gana Parishad, which has just formed a government in Assam, was represented by Mr Dinesh Goswami, the party's Lok Sabha member.

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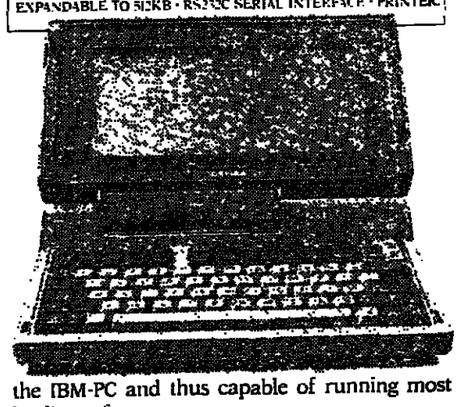
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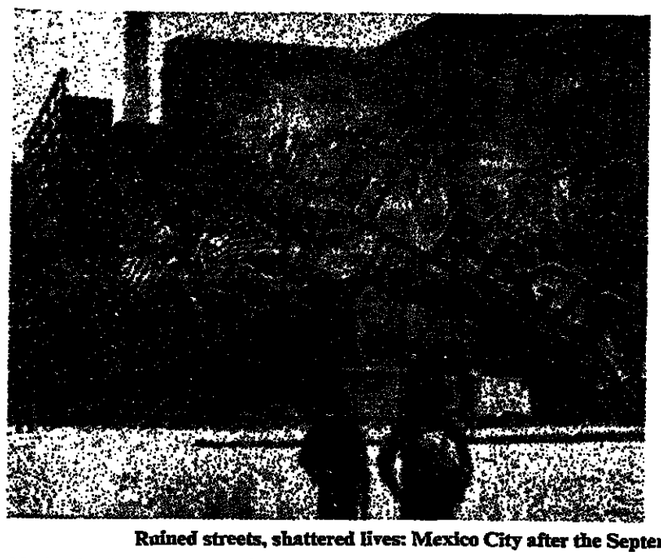
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A disaster that drove a city mad

Two earthquakes shook Mexico City last year, killing thousands. Three months later the survivors still feel the mental shock waves





Ruined streets, shattered lives: Mexico City after the September earthquake, and miracle baby Gerardo Cervantes Perez. His mother is third from right.

Mexico City's two recent earthquakes flattened buildings and killed thousands but it is now becoming clear that they also triggered suicides, provoked madness and shattered minds.

Jumpiness, insomnia, depression, psychosomatic illness are among the milder symptoms now widespread among an 18-million population no longer able to ignore the seismological fact that they live under the shadow of catastrophe.

More or less everyone seems to suffer from what has become known as the "Phantom Quake" phenomenon: the illusion that the ground is moving under their feet. Countless cases have been recorded of people fleeing buildings in panic, convinced another earthquake has struck.

A psychologist cited the case of a seven-year-old boy who, since the second earthquake on September 20, has refused to take off his clothes. He wants to be prepared to run when the next earthquake hits.

The boy is one of the hundreds of thousands who have been left without a home, often without close relatives.

A parentless nine-year-old called Carlos lost his only brother in the earthquakes. Ever since, he has not said a word, the only relief to his grief being to bash his head against a wall every time he hears an ambulance siren.

In the crowded government shelters set up for the homeless, it is common for one child to wake up screaming in the middle of the night, setting off pandemonium among all the rest.

In one shelter, housing 120, the utterly implausible notion circulated that a rattlesnake was in their midst, again causing collective panic.

A seven-year-old boy won't undress. He wants to be ready to run

A stranger phenomenon has been the apparent normality with which many people have reacted to abominable loss. A 19-year-old youth called Jaime heard his mother and younger sister scream for help from under the rubble of their home, then saw a loose wall collapse, killing them both. Since then he has worked energetically as a volunteer among the homeless, being noted for an extraordinary cheerfulness which one doctor described as "euphoria".

Jaime refuses to believe that his relatives were killed, a type of negation that psychologists have found in many others.

"These people say they don't need therapy but they're the ones who need it most", says a woman psychologist working with the homeless. "One day, when they can no longer repress their anguish, the effect on their minds will be devastating."

The rule does not perhaps apply in all cases. Juana Cervantes Perez, aged 19, is the mother of one of the 40 or so "miracle" babies who were buried under the earthquake rubble and survived. Juana and her baby, born just hours before the disaster, were trapped under the ruins of the Juarez Hospital for more than 24 hours. Today the baby, like most of the others, is in perfect health. So is the mother who, in a recent conversation, was a picture of sweet cheerfulness, beaming broadly – in contrast to her nervy mother – when asked to recount what it had been like to be trapped in the eighth floor of a crumpled 12-storey building.

Dr Jose Remus, an eminent Mexican psychoanalyst, believes Juana's behaviour may be perfectly normal, that all trauma may already have been washed out of her system.

Dr Remus is leading a 30-strong team of psychologists in an investigation into those who were buried by the earthquakes and survived – the "Lazarus Syndrome" as he puts it.

Those found to have reacted best had been able to share the struggle to survive, be it with their baby, their wife or, as in one case, their cat.

"But on those whose friends or relatives died next to them the effects have been terrible", Dr Remus says.

He and his team have studied minutely the cases of 20 of the

Those who reacted best had been able to share the struggle to live

estimated 1,300 trapped survivors. Some of the psychologists in the team have been so pained by what they have seen they have had to leave the programme. Dr Remus himself says that after every one of the weekly meetings, when the team compares notes, he has nightmares.

"We are dealing with people who one moment led completely normal lives, like you and me, and the next moment their universe collapsed all around them", he says.

One of the most harrowing cases is that of a mother left to care for two young children having lost her husband, a daughter and both legs. Of the 100 who lost limbs, some have reacted with a great rage against the world which psychologists have suggested is born of a feeling of injustice. "Why me?", many ask. Cases have been reported of people who once fervently believed in God and have now abandoned their faith. Similarly, some people who did not believe, now do.

Some people, trapped for days, never abandoned hope that they would be rescued. Others, claustrophobic and despairing, tried to kill themselves. A night-club dancer who lost a leg committed suicide in hospital. Others, having tried and failed, shout: "Kill me! Kill me! Kill me!" to hospital staff.

Ironically, many of the volunteer rescue workers who performed so heroically in the days after the earthquakes have since been among the worst affected mentally. Most of them were ordinary people, many students, who worked so feverishly they never stopped to ponder the awfulness of their task. A young psychologist assigned the task of putting corpses into bags later had to be consigned to a psychiatric hospital.

John Carlin

The Pinball Wizard hits middle age

Roger Daltrey talks about the blacker side of Band Aid, his new television role and a possible return of The Who

A sense of dread fills Roger Daltrey at the mention of Band Aid's highly successful re-release of "Do They Know It's Christmas . . ." It was "an horrendous single", he said. "They should start a new fund: 'We won't play the record if you donate twice as much as the single costs', followed by a three-minute silence."

Compared with The Who in performance – one remembers former lead singer Daltrey's twirling microphone, now emulated by talent show singers, and their finale of smashed guitars and drum-kit – last summer's Live Aid transcontinental television rock show was an insipid mish-mash.

"They played all the right notes but where was the soul, the passion, the danger? It was all packaged like ice-cream. At least with The Who you thought those guys might fall. There was no *abandon*."

While he admires Band Aid founder Bob Geldof's dynamism in trying to tackle the massive problem of Third World starvation, a memory nags. "It really made me cringe – I'm not knocking Geldof – when he returned from Ethiopia and went on *Wogan* and asked viewers to send toys for these children. That is the worst way to use that system . . . you can't eat toys."

Daltrey fears that the laudable purpose of Band Aid to save lives could also be the vehicle of a new form of colonialism. Thinking of the Ethiopians he said: "We mustn't inflict our values on them. It's very important within *their* society to have lots of kids. Their kids keep them when they get old, whereas in Britain we try to forget our parents when they get old.

"The Ethiopians have their 12 kids and society is used to some of them dying. This doesn't make it better, and emotionally it doesn't make it any easier to live with either, but it worries me when we go over there and say 'You can't let those other kids die'. You could end up saving five million people today to give 20 million the same sort of problem in 10 years' time . . . These are grey areas I'm not happy with."

Ex cathedra remarks of the old guard on the follies of the new have tended to be made by the likes of ripe politicians, novelists and actors. Now we can add rock stars, who today prefer longevity to the timeless youth of untimely death. Since the break-up of The Who in 1982, Daltrey has diversified into areas of stage and screen.

One example of this comes to our screens on BBC 1 today in *Buddy*, a new five-part series by Nigel Hinton. Daltrey plays the part of Terry, a middle-aged Teddy Boy, who is the sort of cultural relic found at the fairground rifle-range, dressed in drainpipe trousers, drape jacket, crêpe-soled shoes and fluorescent green socks – a rather different role from Daltrey's television Shakespeare debut three years ago in *The Comedy of Errors*.

Daltrey, 41, admits that acting remains a challenging alternative to his major occupation, music. He has just completed a rock tour of America – "first time solo" – which included a successful charity concert at Madison Square Garden. "It was great getting back on stage. After 10 minutes it was *wonderful*. I had to lay the ghost of The Who. The crowd started off screaming 'Who, Who, Who' but by the end of the night they weren't.

"The Who had a particularly strong male following, most of whom you would have had to bang about the head with a plank before they understood much. This time it was nice to have an audience of more than 50 per cent women; women are more sensitive, they feel more. Towards the end The Who were so loud that all you could hear was a roar: this time it was nice to hear what everyone was playing and being inspired by it."

This year may see the renaissance of The Who. Daltrey says it is really up to Pete Townshend, who wrote most of The Who's songs. "If he wants to do it, and I think there's something artistically valid about the project, The Who will get back together immediately – though not as the same band.

"Pete is going to write an album for me in 1986 . . . he's in a transitional period. He cut away a relationship from The Who when in fact he was surrounded by people who made things work. He's thrown that away at the moment.

"If Townshend can get to grips with who he is . . . the seeds of genius are still coming out of him. It's just that when you're surrounded by a load of yesmen, nothing becomes fertile."

Townshend still regards Daltrey as the best interpreter of his work. "He seems to write what I lived, that's what's so strange" adds Daltrey.

Daltrey lives in a large country estate in Heathfield, East Sussex, with his second wife Heather and children. His trout farm ("It works out an average of 2.9 fish per rod – that's how you do trout reports") and television advertisements for American Express, featuring a Roger Daltrey in wellies set against an *Emmerdale Farm* look-alike to his new "country squire" image.

"I'm a working guy", he replies. "I haven't a particularly large house: it has six



Rock and role: Daltrey in Buddy

bedrooms. Living in the country is being part of a community. My farm is run by people who love to do it. It survives because we all work together. If people say I shouldn't advertise American Express, I'll still do it. Doing the ad paid the rent for the year after The Who broke up."

The need to escape – these days to Heathfield – was evident during Daltrey's boyhood in Shepherd's Bush. "When I was four I used to run away to the bomb site up the road which was then the 'country'. I've a restless soul."

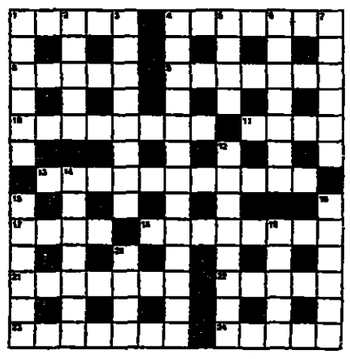
Away from the skylarks, briar and bramble, Daltrey's mind returns to the troubled state of contemporary pop and rock music which he regards as wimpish, sexually as well as politically. Alignment of certain rock individuals with political parties upsets him. "A political song should not be aligned. Townshend's songs were great because he looked in from outside".

Nor is Daltrey impressed by the way rock music is presented by the media. He feels Channel 4's *The Tube* is a mess. "There's a feeling of them and us between the groups and the audience. This is one of the few shows that's got a chance to do something really creative with rock, and really it's no better than *Top of the Pops*, which won't show an act for more than three minutes and shows only clips froms videos, bits and pieces. What's it all about?"

Daltrey hopes soon to begin filming the much-publicized Kray brothers story once the screenplay has been perfected. Meanwhile it is essential he returns to music, touring, because "I'm in great danger of becoming this personality who does nothing but answer boring questions."

Victor Olliver

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 841)



ACROSS
1 Hot liquid burn (5)
4 Small amount (7)
8 Afterwards (5)
9 Resembling (7)
10 Fortified place (8)
11 Stretch across (4)
13 Liniment (11)
17 Affected manners (4)
18 Assess (8)
21 Rod-shaped bacteria (7)
22 Hindu weather god (5)
23 Lese majesty (7)
24 Lizard (5)

DOWN
1 Fermenting crop (6)
2 Change (5)
3 Buttocks (8)
4 False understanding (13)
5 10 Cent coin (4)
6 W Indian ballad (7)
7 Of sea (6)
12 British money (8)
14 Marvellous event (7)
15 Opening comment (6)
16 Paddle boat (6)
19 Indo-Aryan (5)
20 Grief cry (4)

Neolithic tales from the river bank

FINDINGS

An occasional series on research: PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY

Amateur archaeology is flourishing in East Anglia: a group based in Haverhill which celebrates 10 years of operations this winter has managed to occupy itself fully without much digging. In a recent *Current Archaeology*, Brian Charge of the Haverhill and District Archaeological Group, explains how his organization, with around only 30 members, carved out a "territory" of 27 parishes spanning the borders of Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire.

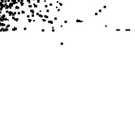
The group has carried out numerous fieldwalking expeditions across arable land to recover surface artefacts from sites located by examining cropmarks, and surveyed earthworks, including moats and deserted medieval villages. One of its most successful projects has been the intensive coverage of a neolithic camp reached by a causeway at Kedington, Suffolk. This early promontory enclosure on the River Stour, probably a fortified village, consisted of a bend in the river cut off by a line of ditches, the earth from which was used as a rampart (probably with a wooden palisade, if other such sites are anything to go by).

The whole site was gridded, and careful fieldwalking and collecting of flints uncovered more than 2,000 specimens. Most were neolithic, the others from the earlier mesolithic, more than 6,000 years ago, and the bulk were made from river cobbles.

Their distribution showed that the major area of flint-working lay outside the causeway enclosure along the edge of the river.

The group has been successful in its diplomacy as well as its archaeology: its work on a medieval enclosure slated for ploughing and levelling at Cavendish in Suffolk fascinated the landowner so much that he decided to preserve the eight-acre site.

Canoe cookery the hard way



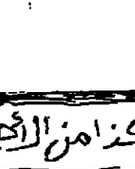
Recycling is not a modern phenomenon: Irish archaeologists recently uncovered a dugout canoe, made from a hollowed tree trunk, which had been turned into a cooking trough.

Along the course of a dried-up stream at Curraghtarsna, near Cashel in Co Tipperary, a series of burnt mounds have been found. Known as fulacht fiadh, they consist of piles of stones heated in a fire, then dropped into a trough of water to bring it to the boil. This would have taken between 30 minutes and an hour.

The meat, perhaps venison or beef, would then be wrapped in straw and cooked. It was an unwieldy way to get dinner, but Victor Buckley, of the Archaeological Survey of Ireland, suggests that some of the streamside cookups were ritual feasts.

The canoe, which was split and reassembled with tree trunks as ends, was dated to nearly 1200BC. This fits well with the Middle Bronze Age dates for burnt mound sites in England and Scotland, as well as in all but one Irish county. Although only part of the canoe was used, the trough still held over 200 gallons of water, so it can not have boiled for very long.

Soldier blues on Salisbury Plain



Many prime archaeological monuments have long been out of reach of modern science because they lie on army training areas in Salisbury Plain. Over 90,000 acres are affected. Half of this comprises 35 per cent of the total chalk grassland remaining in Britain. Nearly 400 scheduled Ancient Monuments are there.

A recent report shows that, while military use has kept the area from being damaged by ploughing, it has also led to erosion: tanks driving over Bronze Age barrows and trench-digging in ramparts of Iron Age forts have resulted in 102 cases of "significant change of condition" in the scheduled monuments.

The extent of the damage has been assessed by ground visits and aerial photography: the Romano-British settlement at Chisenbury Warren is regularly crossed by military lorries and occasionally tanks, in spite of being marked by "antiquity stars" to warn the army.

At Sidbury camp, a gigantic hillfort protected by barbed wire, vertically-mounted railway sleepers and an out-of-bounds classification, a unit deploying Milan anti-tank missiles dug trenches into the ramparts and entrance defences in 1983.

The unscheduled sites, unnotified to the army, have suffered even more: while 55 per cent of Bronze Age round barrows in the Salisbury Plain training area are legally protected (for what that is worth), only two per cent of ancient field systems are scheduled.

A working party has been set up as a result of the crisis which will report to the Ministry of Defence and to English Heritage. The army is willing to cooperate, and many "no digging" signs have been erected already to deter modern warriors from wrecking the defences of their prehistoric ancestors.

Norman Hammond

Anniversaries

In the Anniversaries of the Year (Spectrum, Jan 3) the pictures of Davy Crockett and Maxim Gorky were captioned wrongly.

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My husband first and last

At a time when many women are seeking financial independence, some have sacrificed their own ambitions to boost their husbands' careers. Sally Brompton talks to three dedicated wives

When Judy Ridley met her husband, Nicholas, he was Tory MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury and she was social secretary to the Belgian ambassador in London.

She gave up her job in time for their wedding, just two months before the 1979 general election, after which Nicholas became a Foreign Office minister. He was 50, she was 34. "Giving up my career was a difficult decision", she admits, "but my priority was very much to support my husband and to be available when he wanted me to help him."

Judy, the daughter of a Surrey doctor, had been working in London for 10 years, carving her way up the organizational ladder until Belgian ambassador Robert Vaes invited her to join him. At the Belgian embassy she was in overall charge of the household as well as organizing all the ambassador's official and personal entertaining.

"I loved my job but it was terribly time-consuming", she says. "It was a wrench to give it up but I'm quite a perfectionist and I realized that I couldn't do both jobs properly.

"The trouble with being an MP's or minister's wife is that you have to be flexible. Suddenly there's a reception or a lunch which your husband wants you to attend or – when Nicholas was in the Foreign Office – a trip abroad he wanted me to go on, and it would have been a great shame not to have been able to do so.

"Nicholas works so immensely hard – from six in the morning to midnight every day, and he's on duty 365 days of the year – and I think it's terribly important for him to have a very strong back-up in order for things to run smoothly.

"Also, I think in a marriage it's frightfully important for both people not to be tired at the same time. If you're tired, you can't cope. When Nicholas comes home absolutely exhausted I make sure that I'm in good form and everything's organized and life is comfortable."

Now that her husband is in the Cabinet, as Secretary of State for Transport, Judy Ridley's life is almost as busy as it was when she was pursuing her own career. Apart from the official functions which she has to organize and attend, she is very involved with Nicholas's constituency work, answering letters and accompanying him whenever possible, as well as running two homes – in London and Gloucestershire.

"I think, in politics, a wife can help enormously", she says, "not as a person on her own but as a support. Besides, it's much more interesting for me to be as involved in his job as I can be.

"I definitely don't feel I'm missing out on anything, although I think I probably would have kept working if I'd married someone like a stockbroker with a nine-to-five job. But I think with my husband's job I'd never have seen him at all if I'd been busy doing a job, too.

"We don't have lovely long evenings together because he's usually in Parliament, so he comes home for lunch whenever he can. At least we see each other then.

"I think it's much more fun to be together as much as you can – especially without any children.

"I knew from the start of our marriage that to enjoy life to the full it would be much better to be with him."



Yes minister: Judy Ridley with husband, Nicholas



New role: former actress Dorothy Hyson in 1944

Linda Taylor had wanted to be a probation officer for as long as she could remember. She worked for a degree in social science and underwent rigorous training in order to qualify for this demanding profession. Aged 23, filled with enthusiasm, she started work as a probation officer in Norfolk.

A year later, the probation service lost one of its most dedicated members when Linda Taylor married. Her husband, John, had just completed his ordination training and six weeks later he was ordained into the Anglican Church. Linda became a curate's wife.

"I worked, literally, to support my husband", she admits. "Everything was going on around us and it was all I could do, quite honestly, to keep John on his feet. I've been saying that ever since."

John Taylor, after 30 years in the Church, is now Bishop of St Albans. With each promotion, his wife has been there at his side, offering encouragement, help and total commitment.

"Basically, I've always been well aware that my husband's home has been his office", she says. "Besides, what is marriage apart from a total sharing and total supporting role? Why do I need independence? This is my life."

It can hardly be described as cushy. She and John share a 16-hour working day which starts with prayers at 6.45am. Their current home, in two and a half acres of grounds, is a vast 16-room mansion which includes six bathrooms, an office, a chapel and an enormous cellar.

Linda runs it alone apart from just a few hours of domestic help a week. She and her husband share his official driving and at weekends she works as his secretary, too.

"If I was going out to work, John would probably have to have a chauffeur and we would need far more help in the house. I find myself spending most of the year putting stuff in the freezer."

Then there is the entertaining – the canons' tea parties, the newcomers' lunches, the evening meetings of the rural deans, the Saturday workshops for clergy wives and deaconesses, the deanery groups, the annual diocesan staff drinks parties... and that is without the regulation socializing with other dignitaries such as visiting circuit judges and local MPs, not to mention the "constant stream of folk popping in and out".

Linda, who has three grown-up children, has always been closely involved with her husband's parish work. "I was quite happy to try to bring a bit of expertise to bear in a voluntary capacity", she says.

"Now I go with my husband when he visits the parishes every Sunday morning and evening and have a good old yarn with the clergymen's wives."

She has no regrets about sacrificing her own career. "I don't feel I've missed out on anything and I'm sure John and I are closer than we would otherwise have been. I may be being fooled by all this but I certainly don't feel unfulfilled and I have an enormous amount of freedom and choice within my own day as to what I do or don't do.

"I may find life very very difficult if I'm widowed and suddenly think, 'Good heavens, what have I been doing up to now?' But it's very easy for couples to end up living parallel lives within their marriages.

"I just felt it was right to be giving John total support and working alongside him within the parish setting.

"Sometimes I feel about 80, but life is really quite encouraging in some respects."



No regrets: Linda Taylor with her husband, John

Anthony Quayle decided to marry Dorothy Hyson the moment he saw her laughing by the stage door of the Old Vic in the early part of 1939. She was playing Titania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, he was rehearsing his *Henry V*.

When they married eight years later, she was the star, one of Britain's most famous romantic actresses. He, however, had just been invited to take over the Shakespearian theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, to direct, act and transform it into an international attraction. "It was three jobs in one, really", recalls his wife, "and he wanted a lot of back-up. I knew I had to make some sort of decision."

She had just finished starring in Cecil Beaton's lavish and highly successful post-war production of *Lady Windermere's Fan* and was in great demand as a romantic lead both in films and on the stage. "I dare say I could have done all sorts of things", she says.

Instead, at the age of 30, she gave up her career completely and threw herself into supporting her husband.

"For the first three years we were more or less on our own. We had to alter the theatre, build a restaurant and start making money." She was involved with everything, from designing the restaurant to helping with the casting. She went talent-spotting around the other theatres for the following year's performers and discovered such likely youngsters as Robert Shaw and Barbara Jefford.

"I think Tony was quite glad, quite happy that I gave up my career", she recalls. "He was so busy he couldn't have coped with my going off worrying about myself.

"There's a very split division of activity if a director's wife is also busy in the theatre. Very few directors have successful marriages.

"We've got three children and four grandchildren and we all share a house in the Cotswolds and have wonderful happy times together. I don't think our quality of life would have been the same if I had gone on acting."

Today, she is still closely involved with Sir Anthony's work. She is on the board of his recently-formed production company, regularly goes into the office to help out and even accompanies the company on tour – "to places I like. Tony's busier than he's ever been – I look at him in amazement. I think I get a bigger kick out of his success than I ever would out of my own. Just knowing I've contributed to something gives me a thrill.

"Tony's a very, very strong man in every way but I think he needs that kind of support. On the whole, I think that busy and talented men need a woman behind them and without that support their career can really be harmed.

"Occasionally people have asked me to play various parts over the years but I've always thought, 'No – I'm not going to confuse the issue'. And I think, in my case, I was right because I'm not very good at splitting my concentration.

"Sometimes I see a part which makes me think, 'My word, I think I could have done quite well in that. I think I would have enjoyed playing that'. But apart from that I have no regrets at all."

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Profit and loss in the marriage stakes



PENNY PERRICK

I once saw a magazine illustration of the dual-career couple's ideal bedroom: it had a queen-size bed and his and her computers on the bedside tables.

I have often since wondered how such a partnership would spend its most intimate moments and now I know – it engages in "win-win negotiations", as set out in a new "upbeat guide to joint decision making" aimed at "college-educated, two-career mates with a trusting relationship and large income who find no problem in talking about marriage in the language of business".*

I do not know any such twosomes myself, although I have a friend who keeps her Christmas card list stored in her word processor. But she certainly doesn't qualify in the trusting relationship stakes, as every time she sees her husband establish eye-contact with another woman, she glides over and flicks a non-existent flake of dandruff from his collar.

Nor, if things got rough, do I see her taking him out for a final executive lunch and saying in her best managing-director manner, "This is hard for me to say, but I'm afraid I'm going to have to let you go". I think she would beat the hell out of him with the meat-tenderizing mallet.

As for me, I am definitely out of the catchment area. Not only would I never be able to talk about marriage in the language of business, I can't even talk about business in the language of business and am always absentmindedly signing my name on office memos together with a scrawled "love and kisses".

Win-win negotiations include setting "mutual dirt thresholds", which I suppose is business-speak for one person promising to wipe the ring around the bath on exiting from it, if the other refrains from snatching up the Vim and a damp cloth and attacking the fingerplates every time somebody touches a door.

Alas, a home is not an office and I can't see such an arrangement working, on account of human frailty and built-in forgetfulness. At work, even the most slovenly person is kept up to scratch by a back-up system of filing-clerks and typewriter-repair men, office cleaners and disposable paper cups. And even the most fanatical of domestic perfectionists can hardly sit at her desk, dusting every single card in her index box, for fear of unpleasant stories reaching the personnel office.

Office conditions can rarely be simulated in the comfort of one's own home, however high-technically it may be furnished. I mean, if you splash grease all over the microwave, armies of workers aren't going to arrive and wipe it off, even if you are somebody quite important.

I do not think I could ever have entered into win-win situations with a man I was once married to, who liked the sound of music to the extent of raising the roof with it, while my ideal ambience resembles a Trappist monastery. We could have negotiated ourselves into a position whereby he decamped with his ghetto-blasters into a soundproof room, but that would have meant that he would not have heard yells for help at times when the doorbell rang as I was applying my Sunset Auburn semi-permanent hair-colouring.

The fact that opposites attract can be perfectly win-win in business partnerships – the flamboyant man of ideas allied to the steadying influence who does the accounting, for instance – but can be very lose-lose when it comes to marriage.

Hoarders always fetch up with people who whisk today's newspaper into the dustbin by 11am. The unpunctual form fuming relationships with those who think that the time stated on an invitation indicates that you are meant to arrive 15 minutes before. These are problems without solutions, short of death or divorce.

Offered little comfort by win-win theories, I turned for true sagacity to Peter Tinniswood's latest novel *Call It a Canary** and, as I had hoped, turned up some universal truths. Such as "Men and women are totally incompatible, so the only way they can survive is by living with each other". Or "... when a man and a woman fall out, there's always faults on both sides. And it's always the man that's to blame".

*Win-Win Negotiations for Couples by Charlotte Whitney (Para Research, $12.95).
*Call It a Canary (Macmillan, £8.95)

Schizophrenia – the shame and despair

TALKBACK

From Richard Forrest, Havelock Rise, Luton, Bedfordshire

Your series of articles on schizophrenia (Spectrum, Dec 16, 17, 18) came at a bad time of the year for me. My wife suffered from this appalling illness. She killed herself two years ago on December 17.

Your account of the horrors suffered by the families of victims of the disease left me amazed at the capacity for suffering these people must have. In my case, the period between the onset of the breakdown and my wife's suicide was less than three months. When I remember what I endured during that brief period, and consider that some human beings may have to endure the same for years on end, I feel a sense both of shame and helplessness.

The shame comes from the feeling that, though I want to be able to help, I cannot face the thought of confronting in someone else that depth of desolation and despair I arrived at during this period. The helplessness comes from my own attempts to help my wife come to terms with her illness. I fear that nothing I did or could have done had any effect other than to drive her deeper into her emotional trap.

In the space of a few weeks, I watched a warm, highly intelligent, deeply religious young woman whom I loved more than anyone else change to a cynical, manipulative, brutal and unfeeling stranger. I could cope with her hearing voices, getting messages from the radio and television and being watched day and night by people using special cameras. But to see a stranger looking at me out of my wife's eyes, and realizing that I could not know if her protestations that she loved me were true or a sham designed to manipulate me was almost beyond enduring. Had I not had the responsibility of care for my young children, I believe that I would by now have taken my life, as she did.

The onset of my wife's illness was very sudden, but I was able to obtain psychiatric help fairly quickly. Schizophrenia was diagnosed only in the week before she died. Looking back at the events, I can see a reluctance on the part of the medical staff either to talk to me of the possibility of schizophrenia, or apparently to face it themselves.

I can well understand this reluctance. In my wife's case there would have been no way of distinguishing between a cure, and a convincing imitation of normal behaviour. Certainly she could pass herself off as completely normal. In particular she convinced several of her friends that any peculiarities in her behaviour were due to my bad treatment of her. One actually accused me of driving her to suicide. Following a half-hour interview with my wife, one psychiatrist suggested that I needed psychiatric treatment rather than her, as my behaviour was causing her problems. As I was being told this, my wife made her first suicide attempt. It was following this event that schizophrenia was first mentioned as a possibility.

This uncertainty must be a great problem for doctors. In the case of schizophrenia, it seems impossible to judge success. This cannot help, either in maintaining a commitment to study the disease, or in treating it.

After the immediate shock of my wife's death, one of my strongest reactions was a feeling of relief. My normal process of grieving has been complicated by the emotional hammering I suffered during her illness, and my memories of her are distorted by the images of the creature she became. Feeling guilt about this sense of relief has been part of my problem. Your articles have helped me by illustrating that my worst fears of what could have happened had she not died were justified, and that the effect this would have had on the children was potentially far worse than that of losing their mother.

More than anything else, I wish she could have been cured, and that I could be with her again as she was before her illness. I believe this is the only way in which the wounds inflicted on me by her illness can fully be cured. This is now impossible in this life.

From Anthony Clare, Professor of Psychological Medicine, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College

To judge from some of the moving personal case histories contained in the three impressive articles on schizophrenia, the idea is widespread that a seriously mentally ill patient can be compulsorily detained and treated only if it is deemed necessary for the health and safety of the patient or for the protection of others.

In fact, the 1983 Act, like its predecessor, the Mental Health Act 1959, makes it plain that a mentally ill patient may be detained if it is deemed necessary for the health or safety of the patient. In making no change, Parliament resisted immense pressure to make dangerousness the key criterion.

However, as the series showed, relatives of the mentally ill find themselves increasingly unable to obtain help from psychiatrists until patients are so disordered and disorganised as to be gravely at risk to themselves and others.

While there are several admirable controls built into the 1983 Act to ensure that patients are not detained wrongly and have access to an independent appeals tribunal there are no equivalent controls to ensure that when they are suffering deterioration they are actually detained and treated.

The Mental Health Act Commission is understandably vigilant in seeing that I and my professional colleagues do not overstep our legal powers but appear indifferent to the possibility that we will increasingly refrain from using them, preferring instead to indulge in a particular form of defensive medicine. Indeed, the draft Code of Practice being prepared by the Commission may well make the compulsory admission and treatment of such patients even more difficult.

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Cooking the book

Westland is not the only controversy concentrating Michael Heseltine's mind. He is also being dragged into an alleged breach of copyright by the Ministry of Defence of the hitherto unpublished memoirs of the Duke of Wellington's cook James Thornton. The original manuscript is owned by a Bernard Tomlinson, who originally offered it for publication to Nigel Hollis, the sales director of Heinemann. Heineman declined and the original was returned. Then, without Tomlinson's knowledge, it appeared in the MoD's official journal, the *British Army Review*. The memoirs had been edited by Michael Glover, who wrote in a footnote: "I am most grateful to Messrs Nigel Hollis and Nigel Viney for making a copy of the original manuscript available to me." (Viney also worked for Heinemann, and Glover is his military historian cousin). In a two-page letter to David Steel, who has taken up the case, Heseltine denies breach of copyright, saying the MoD published in "good faith". Tomlinson, who has since found a publisher, tells me the issue is "hot" and is to seek substanial damages.

Casting couch

Read what you will into the fortunes of two of the senior Metropolitan policemen most involved in the Broadwater Farm riot last October. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Mike Richards, the area commander, was the only policeman to be awarded the OBE in the New Year honours list. The equally-criticized local chief superintendent, Colin Couch, will soon be clearing his desk in Tottenham and departing to the Bramshill police college in Hampshire as a student on a senior command course.

● Brace yourself for the Belgrano of 1986: today Unwin publishes *The Rainbow Warrior Affair*. Next month Gollancz bring us *Sink The Rainbow!*, followed by Hutchinson's *Rainbow Warrior: The French Attempts to Sink Greenpeace*. And yes, Penguin: *The Death of the Rainbow Warrior*.

Going spare

Shock horror at a recent party staged by the feminist magazine *Spare Rib* – a man appeared. Worse, he started to dance – solo, naturally. The demon, who was helping to organize the music for the all-female bands, was asked to leave the floor. Incensed, he is alleged to have picked up a broken bottle later in the evening and thrown it at the sisters. Happily it missed. In the current *Spare Rib*, Maria North, who was at the party, writes: "It is obvious that we need to find venues where the presence of men is not insisted upon..."

Bob's caff

Ignorant of Robert Maxwell's latest order that all phone calls to his new Manchester newspaper plant should be answered "Maxwell House", the *Mirror's* district reporters have responded with such robust words as "I want the newsdesk, not some — coffee-shop." I am told, too, that Manchester's first management meeting of the year was delayed until a senior *Mirror* lackey descended from the roof, where he had been pacing out the positions for four flagpoles from which Maxwell's ensign will be flown.

BARRY FANTONI



"Talk – or shall I call in *Rough Justice*?"

High road

Bill Torrance, the star British Rail uses to promote business in Scotland (the Scots weren't too keen on Jimmy Savile) is, as they say, "getting there". Only it's not by train. When Torrance is summoned to London to make railway commercials, he travels not by BR but BA. "I have to get there and back as fast as I can", he explains.

Errant heirs

It looks as if Tony Benn should have second thoughts about his idea for creating 1,000 peers who would vote to abolish the Lords. Clement Attlee created 45 hereditary peerages during his six years as Labour prime minister. In a book out today, *The Queen Has Been Pleased*, author John Walker points out that these "have hardly brought long-term benefit and advantage to the Labour party". Of the heirs of these peers, only five still take the Labour whip. Thirteen have become Conservatives, five have joined the Alliance, 10 are independents, five give themselves no description and eight have yet to make an appearance in the Lords.

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Two opposition views on the issue still plaguing the Cabinet

Westland: the third option

There is a good deal of innocent pleasure to be had from observing the struggle for the future of Westland Helicopters. There can rarely have been an occasion when Cabinet ministers disagreed so publicly or when a prime minister seemed so powerless to impose her will.

Dissension within the Cabinet has been so overt and so prolonged that it is hard to see how the two protagonists, Michael Heseltine and Leon Brittan, can both survive. The loser must surely go, and even the winner will be severely diminished. But the issue has a significance that goes well beyond its entertainment value or its consequences for ministers' careers. At stake are questions of national defence.

The government has so far denied that anything more is involved than a decision by the shareholders of a private company about the best commercial deal on offer to them. The government says officially that it has no view. It is this hands-off stance which, paradoxically, has permitted and encouraged ministers to promote their differing cases; for if government policy is not involved, how can Mrs Thatcher prevent her ministers from acting as brokers for one commercial interest or another? The political debate which Mrs Thatcher sought to abort, and which should have taken place in the Cabinet room, is being conducted in the full glare of publicity.

The truth is that the survival of Westland, and who controls it, are no ordinary commercial matters. Westland is not an ordinary commercial company. It has depended on substantial orders from the armed forces; equally the national defence capability has depended heavily on Westland. Though a private company, it is an integral part of our defence procurement industry.

If Westland went out of business, passed under foreign control or became a sub-contractor to others, we should be left dependent on foreign suppliers for one of the most vital instruments of modern warfare. Without the helicopter's troop-carrying, reconnaissance and anti-tank capacity, we should be fatally ill-equipped to pursue a conventional campaign of any duration.

Heseltine, is surely right to recognize this. It remains a mystery (and one that is particularly damaging to him) that the Prime Minister is apparently content to allow her Defence Secretary's judgement on a matter of national defence to be overruled by the short-term commercial interests of a group of shareholders. So Heseltine, while arguing the wider significance of the decision, is compelled to conduct his argument in terms only of the attractiveness to the shareholders of his favoured solution. As Mrs Thatcher will not allow him to deploy his full case, it is difficult to be sure whether his enthusiasm for the European option is well-founded.

There is, to begin with, all the difference in the world between an independent British company seeking collaborative European projects in order to share basic costs and secure access to a larger market, and the option proposed by Heseltine. Under this, the company's independence would be seriously compromised by rival enterprises' taking a major shareholding. Westland would be unable to manufacture helicopters in competition with its own most important shareholders, at least two of which would be nationalized concerns.

Questions remain unanswered about the proposed European collaboration. Is it simply design work that is to be shared – in which case, will Westland be expected to pick up part of the large bills already run up by the Italian firm of Agusta and the Germans? Or is manufacturing to be shared as well, and if so, why should a European consortium which already has excess capacity contemplate manufacture in Britain when, unlike the Americans, it can do so more economically in its own countries?

If each national industry is to make just a part of the complete aircraft, would we be happy to rely on helicopters of which vital parts are being manufactured in areas of Europe that might be overrun in the event of war?

All this merits debate – and not one conducted as if the company concerned merely ran a brewery. Any such debate will fail if it does not include the most obvious and rational option. If Westland cannot be allowed to fail, and if the government must become involved (if only to rescue it from the consequences of a mistaken choice by its shareholders) then the state ought to acquire a majority shareholding.

Mrs Thatcher's refusal even to think about a national policy for the helicopter industry does not just threaten ministerial careers. Britain's defence is jeopardized.

Bryan Gould

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Victim of Service rivalries

Nobody would deny that some of Westland's problems are of its own making, a fact that has been taken account of in recent changes to its senior management. But many are the result of government mishandling of helicopter procurement. In 1978 the Ministry of Defence produced an Air Staff Target for the replacement of the RAF's ageing fleet of helicopters, which it flies in support of the Army. But, it now admits, no financial provision was ever made for this project and the RAF, having overspent its budget, could not find the money from other sources.

However, the programme was considered of such importance that it went ahead on the assumption that the money would be found from somewhere. This assumption resulted in Michael Heseltine initiating a competition in the spring of 1984. Sikorsky (USA), Aérospatiale (France) and Westland were invited to present proposals to produce a new tactical transport helicopter by about 1990. The services and civil servants seemed to be impressed with the Westland 30/400: it met the requirements; was the least expensive; was British and could be used as a vehicle for the development of two other projects close to the heart of the MoD, a new Rolls Royce engine and a new-technology gearbox.

The Westland aircraft was finally selected and work began on more detailed specifications. Apart from providing badly needed work for Westland, the MoD's endorsement would have helped to obtain sizeable orders from other countries which had shown interest.

Last autumn, however, the Army announced that it wanted to "reassess" its requirement for transport helicopters, indicating that an aircraft of the size originally asked for by the MoD was too small. This put the British Army at variance with every other army in the world, all of which are giving priority to light tactical transport helicopters.

The reason for this muddled thinking is easy to see. The British are unique in Nato in splitting their pitifully small battlefield helicopter force between the Army and the RAF, which have different ideas on how they should be used. This division of responsibility means there is no cohesive pressure for a bigger helicopter force under unified control. As a result British forces in West Germany are reckoned to be at least 150 helicopters short of the number required.

The Army Air Corps, which operates the Army's helicopters, is a young, small corps which holds little sway in the corridors of power when up against the older, more traditional arms – the infantry, armour and artillery. The attitude towards helicopters in the Army has been described to me as similar to that early this century when it was asked to take an interest in tanks.

Similarly the RAF helicopter force is small and highly professional but has no senior officers of its own to speak for it and carries little "clout" in competition with fighters and strategic aircraft.

It is logical to everyone, including the younger RAF helicopter crews – but unhappily not their air marshals – that battlefield helicopters should be owned and operated by one service, which ought to be the Army. This would allow the RAF to concentrate on its major role – the exercise of air power.

As the Army Air Corps operates its helicopters with significantly fewer men than the RAF, this should provide greater cost efficiency. Other benefits would be firmer direction of the Army's aviation arm in both tactical use and equipment procurement; closer integration on the battlefield between aviation and the other combat arms; and encouragement for some of our generals to think more about battlefield mobility.

Westland's future lies initially with its own management and workforce; but it also depends on sensible procurement by the MoD and intelligent planning by the armed forces. We must hope that the present crisis brings improvement in all three spheres.

Paddy Ashdown

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Richard Holme

Now see who's being squeezed

Coming to terms with three-party politics in an electoral system designed for two parties is not easy for anyone. Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, tries to cope by denying the Alliance's validity and representing it, as he did after the Tyne Bridge by-election, as an interloper "cynically intervening" in a two-player game. In this simplistic propaganda, a vote for the Alliance becomes a vote for Labour.

The facts do not support the case. If anything, detailed analysis of recent Gallup polls suggests the reverse – that the Alliance provides the best assurance that Labour will not win an overall majority at the next general election. It is true that the Alliance's advance is bad news for the Conservatives, but by no stretching of the data can it be represented as good news for Labour.

If Tebbit's distaste for socialism is as acute as his line of argument suggests, he should perhaps be asking his City friends to redirect some of their postal orders to Messrs Steel and Owen since they are his best bulwark against a Labour victory in 1987.

Gallup surveys for September, October and November have been averaged out to provide a three-month set of voting-intention figures. This provides a sample of over 28,000 which permits detailed analysis in each region of the country; furthermore, the accumulation of data spread over three months will have ironed out the temporary boost which each party in turn received from the conference season.

The percentage share of voting intentions for each party was Labour 34.2, Conservative 32.2, Alliance 31.7. No surprises there – the figures are roughly in line with other surveys – but if the figures are analyzed to show the distribution of support region by region, we find how much the political map has changed since June 1983.

Then the Alliance was in third place in nine of the 11 regions. Today it lies third in two regions only, and by the slenderest margin. In the north, Scotland and Wales the Alliance challenges Labour. In the south the Alliance and the Conservatives are the contenders.

The first-past-the-post system tends to make a two-horse race out of elections, squeezing the third party out. Although in a few constituencies Liberals, and latterly the Alliance, have turned tactical voting to their advantage, across the country as a whole they have been the victims of this squeeze. Today the Alliance looks more like a squeezer than a squeezee. Here is the current party pecking order around Britain:

	Lab	Con	Alliance
North	1	3	2
North-east	1	3	2
North-west	1	3	2
Scotland	1	3	2
Wales	1	3	2
East Mids	3	1	2
West Mids	2	1	3
London	2	1	3
Eastern	3	1	2
South-east	3	1	2
South-west	3	2	1

At above 30 per cent of the national vote, the relatively even spread of Alliance support across the country which penalized it in 1983 begins to look more of an advantage, for it puts Liberals and SDP into the run-off virtually everywhere.

The Brecon and Radnor or Tyne Bridge effect, of some Tory voters rallying behind the Alliance as the best prospect of defeating Labour, begins to look like a rational tactic across Scotland, Wales and the north of England. This may pose a stronger threat to Labour in its heartlands than the Conservatives have ever been able to muster. And for Neil Kinnock, the gloomy message does not end there.

Since the 1983 general election, Labour and the Alliance have both benefited equally on a national basis from the decline in Conservative support, each picking up about six voters in 100. The problem for Labour is that it has not picked up votes where it needs them most. The revival of support is coming either in the southern areas, where Labour remains a hopeless third, or in its strongholds in Scotland and Wales where the extra recruits are redundant.

In London and the Midlands, where 40 per cent of Labour's list of target seats are, the Labour pick-up has been only three voters in 100, whereas the Alliance has picked up eight in 100. Local by-election results confirm this trend. In fact, taking the target seats as a whole across Britain, in the 130 seats which Kinnock has set himself to win to form a majority government, the Alliance has actually picked up more support than Labour. Labour is doing even less well in its vital target seats than it is nationally.

There are lessons for all contestants in these figures. For the Alliance, that it is short of overall victory by only five or six voters in 100, if it is sufficiently tough in using the electoral system to squeeze the third party in each region. For Labour, that breakthrough looks further away than it did when Kinnock took over from Michael Foot. And for Tebbit, that he should consider dropping electoral misrepresentation and adopting proportional representation. His party may need it more than he realizes.

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Hong Kong: Simon Winchester's bold plan to calm the jitters

A job made to measure for Charles





Could the Prince inherit the plumed hat now worn by Sir Charles Youde?

On a cool Saturday evening in October, to the sound, no doubt, of some sad sea shanty played by a Marine band, the royal yacht Britannia will slip her moorings in Shanghai, ease into the greasy waters of the Whangpoo river and sail majestically out to the tidal streams of the Yangtze. The Queen will have ended her historic week-long visit to China – the first reigning British monarch ever to have graced the Middle Kingdom with her presence.

Two days later, given fair weather and a good push from the currents in the Strait of Taiwan, Her Majesty will arrive in Hong Kong. For half a week she will preside over Britain's last crown colony in the Orient. Perhaps, indeed, it will be the last visit ever to be made by a sovereign before that moment, 4,000-odd days from now, when Hong Kong slips back to its rightful owners, the Chinese.

We know little of the plans for the tour of China, save that the Queen will be expected to stroll on the Great Wall, will be asked to try sea slugs and *mao tai* at the ritual banquet in the Great Hall of the People, and will visit the terracotta army in the city of Xian.

We know even less of the plans for her stay in our tiny imperial relic, whose capital is still, to pedantic geographers, a city named after her great-great-grandmother Victoria. But she could make her visit memorable by uttering an unexpected and stunningly imaginative pronouncement. She could announce the imminent appointment of her heir as the last British colonial governor of Hong Kong.

It would be a diplomatic masterstroke. With a single gesture Her Majesty could assure the future health of an otherwise ailing colony; she could bring Sino-British relations to a new level of cordiality; she could give to an otherwise understandably bored prince a role with purpose and real importance. And the Princess of Wales would have five million loyal subjects at her feet. She could practise the queenly art to her heart's content, readying herself for the day of accession and the trials of palace life.

Hong Kong, in the closing years of its dependency, needs a strong governor. The present man, Sir Edward Youde, is a scholarly figure whose precise use of the Mandarin tongue is rendered quite charming, it is said, by his lilting Welsh accent. But he is not a noticeably strong or forthright governor, and the view is growing in the colony that the crafty mainland Chinese are beginning to do with the colony more or less what they will.

That is, admittedly, only an impression – but then again Hong Kong is a place that relies very much on impressions. If the money-men believe things to be going wrong, they and their money will leave. Many have already gone. Others could swiftly follow. Confidence could evaporate, leaving only the fragrant memory of good fortune.

Sir Edward, who is 62, is due to leave in about a year. A full decade will thus remain during which British governance will still be necessary – and the Foreign Office has made it clear that, whatever the Chinese may wish, a Briton with goose-feather plumes, white duck jacket and Wilkinson sword will govern up to the hour of handover.

But to whom should this lustrous plum of a job be given? One name canvassed at Government House up on the peak of late has been that of Edward Heath, a good friend of the Chinese, a figure much respected in the Orient. His friends, though, say he is reluctant to assume the peculiar challenges of the task.

David Wilson, the career diplomat given most credit for negotiating the joint agreement with China, is fast heading for his knighthood and ambassadorial rank, and is the natural choice of Whitehall. But he, while amiable and sound, and a mountaineer to boot, has no public reputation for the kind of strong resolve that the colonials believe they need.

How much better, how truly bold it would be, to have the Prince of Wales installed in Government House instead.

No cunning Chinese diplomat or central committee member would then dare try to tinker with a colony headed by a British version of Imperial Wizard, Grand Dragon and Great Panjandrum all wrapped up in one.

To court displeasure with the Foreign Office is one thing; to risk the wrath of a sovereign's house is quite another. No: from the date of the prince's appointment until midnight on June 30, 1997, Hong Kong would be treated by Peking just as it desires and deserves to be treated – with respect, and on the basis of real equality.

The bankers and the marketeers would love it; the world's great companies would flock to an island made fashionable by the presence of the royal pair; the Hang Seng index would triple in a year. Confidence would be restored from the moment the RAF aircraft touched down with them at Kai Tak airport. It would be like Mountbatten in India all over again.

And there is a good chance that Charles and Diana might like it too. Government House, designed by a man from the South Manchurian Railway, and thus admittedly looking just like a South Manchurian railway station, may not be quite up to the standards they know. But there's a decent little yacht called the Lady Maurine, and a place called Fan Ling up in the New Territories to which it could take them for their weekends off. The social life is glittering, the rich are much adored.

The car's not bad, either. With the job goes the only Rolls-Royce Phantom Five officially available to any British diplomat, anywhere, and just like the ones back home. The royal arms are already emblazoned on its doors – almost as if they, and the colony, are waiting for the day that their prince will come, to help say what will inevitably be Hong Kong's long, and lingering, goodbye.

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moreover . . . **Miles Kington**

Exactly what I never wanted

Yes, it's Sales time again! Sales, the game that anyone can play – but very few can win! All last year, teams of hand-picked workers in Taiwan, Hong Kong and somewhere near Bristol have been battling against the clock to bring you the season's first shipment of "Now Only £9.99" placards. They have been churning out trousers with one leg shorter than the other, jerseys with one vital thread missing and toasters which have never fallen to bits yet. Goods with all the famous brand names of the world, many of them spelt correctly, have been speeding towards these shores in crates marked "Sales Goods – High Street, England". And now it's time for you to go out and pit your wits against crack teams of sales assistants – if you can find them!

Here's how the game works. You go to a department store in search of something you really need, say a video recorder. No, that's ridiculous. Nobody really needs a video recorder. So let's say an ironing board marked down from £17 to only £12.99. When you get there, you find that all the ironing boards have gone, so you get half a dozen pairs of string gloves and a home computer instead. If, on the other hand, you really wanted some gloves and a home computer, you find they have all gone, so you get an ironing board instead. It's as simple as that!

But why, you may ask, do you play Sales right after Christmas, at the very time when you need to put your feet up? We asked Henry Cashmere, Professor of High Street Trading at Milton Keynes University.

"Well," says the professor, "it seems that in the old days shops used to have stock left over from Christmas that they wanted to get rid of, so they would reduce prices from Boxing Day onwards. Nowadays, of course, they wouldn't dream of doing that – they import special sales goods from Taiwan, Hong Kong and somewhere near Bristol, and hide all that good stuff left over from Christmas. They then mark the sales goods with slogans like Gigantic Reductions or Prices Slashed, Slashed, Slashed!"

What do these slogans mean?

"They mean that the price is unchanged."

Yes, you have to be good to win at the game of Sales. We talked to Mr and Mrs Buzzard of Leytonstone, who had just been up to town to get a new cooker in the Sales. They got it all right, reduced from £495 to only £399.99. But there was one snag.

"When we got home, we found that the pilot flame didn't work and the rings were the wrong size. We rang up the shop, and got through only two days later. We then found out that the cooker we bought was a model withdrawn in November, and that parts were now unavailable!"

"But that's all the fun of the game of Sales," chips in Mrs Buzzard. "Some you lose, and others you don't win. We had a lot of fun, especially getting the cooker home on the Tube, and I don't regret it for a single moment."

Occasionally people do get a real bargain. Mr Oswald Pyke of Leeds, for instance, spotted at his local hardware store a Trident missile marked down from £12 billion to only £19.99. So he got it. He thinks the reduction was due to the fact that it was two years past the sell-by date, but he has no intention of using it anyway.

"I couldn't use it without the launcher, and they were right out of launchers, but the whole point of having a Trident missile is not to use it, it's just the fun of having it. Ask Mr Heseltine. To be quite honest, I'd gone looking for half a dozen gloves and an ironing board, but they were right out."

Has anyone *ever* got what they wanted in the Sales game? Professor Cashmere again. "Not as such. No. But that's not the point. The whole point of the exercise is as an antidote to Christmas. Christmas is all about buying gifts for other people, whereas the Sales is all about buying presents for yourself, and if you know anything about human nature, you'll realize which is the more important function. After all, people have been known to queue for days or even weeks in order to take part in the Sales, but I doubt if anyone has ever queued for more than 10 minutes to buy a Christmas present. Human nature, you see. By the way, I went to the Sales this year to get a couple of pairs of corduroy trousers."

"And what did you actually get?

"This mauve ironing board. Do you think it suits me?"

Well, no, frankly. But that's not the point. The point is not to win, but to take part and lose.

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Thousands of furious *Times* readers have protested about the absence of Lord Moreover, our proprietor, from the New Year's Honours list. They want to know how the government could have ignored the man who had done so much in 1985 to clear the Amazon Basin of unwanted trees, sell grain to Ethiopia at a highly advantageous price, pass obsolete British secrets to the Russians and lend millions of pounds to Derek Hatton via one of his Swiss banks.

The answer is quite simple. Lord Moreover was indeed offered a second peerage by an obsequious Tory government but it was merely a time-sharing peerage, which he would be entitled to use for only a fortnight a year, and then pass on to someone like Jeffrey Archer. Under such humiliating circumstances he had no alternative but to refuse.

Collision course

Philip Howard: new words for old

I have a correspondent who is fighting a war to the death with the Oxford lexicographers over what he takes to be sloppy journalistic misuse of the words "collide" and "collision", and its being made respectable in their dictionaries. One of the glorious disadvantages of being an Oxford lexicographer is that one is generally mistaken as an umpire rather than a recorder of the language, which belongs to all of us.

My friend objects to the use of collide and collision with a stationary object. He thinks that the prefix col- implies joint or mutual bashing together of two moving objects, not simply one. So that a moving car can collide with an elephant, if the elephant is also moving. But a car cannot collide with a lamp post.

The argument is that idle and misguided journos suppose that, if they write that a car crashes into a lamp post, they are implying that the car driver was responsible for the accident. So they prefer to write collide, which implies no blame, and will pacify the lawyer. And so the well of English is being defiled yet again by hacks.

The Oxford lexicographers write ironically back, saying that they have some evidence from their unpublished files that reputable writers have referred to collision with a stationary object. C. Day Lewis, in *The Buried Day*, writes: "My father collided with an ass which was lying asleep in the middle of the road." And John Wain, in *The Smaller Sky*, writes: "His head came into painful collision with a wooden crate." We need not attach too much value to this evidence. You could condemn the Day Lewis sentence as badly constructed. The quotation from Wain could refer to a crate that was moving. Oxford says that if a usage is widely accepted by careless writers, but generally avoided by careful ones, their policy is to include it in dictionaries, but to label it as disputed. They are having a careful look at collision, to see whether they should give it a warning label in their next edition.

I do not think that they need to bother too much. There is no implication in the prefix col- that both objects have to be moving when they clash together. There are examples from an early date of good writers using collide and collision about one moving and one stationary object. "The Blood collides against the Sides of the Aorta", 1746. "The collision of the waters against the lips of the orifice", 1677.

My friend is barking up the wrong tree. But I am pleased to see that Sir James Murray, who edited this volume of his dictionary himself, notes that when the word was first used of railway trains or ships in collision, c 1860 to 1870, it was objected to as an Americanism.

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THE VIPER'S NEST

What is to be done with Colonel Gadaffi's Libya? A regime that conducts its own terrorist actions abroad and which sponsors the terrorism of such extremists as the Palestinian Abu Nidal clearly constitutes a threat to international security. Gadaffi himself has threatened that any US or Israeli attack on Libya would lead to an unending war in the Mediterranean. Yet it can be argued that it is the Libyan leader himself who has already declared war on many Mediterranean states, and several other countries as well.

Since 1980 Colonel Gadaffi, his sinister Foreign Security Bureau and its predecessors have waged war on Libyan exiles abroad. Britain has been one of the principal battlegrounds: 23 people were wounded when the Colonel's men bombed a Manchester nightclub in March 1984; Policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was callously shot from the Libyan mission itself a month later. There have been killings and attempted killings in Greece, Egypt, France, Spain and Tunisia. The Libyan people – traditionally gentle, friendly and unfailingly courteous – have become radicalized and brutalized. Revolutionary justice has meted out public executions on dissidents within the country. Libyan exiles, once content to plot sedately in the cafés of Cairo or London, are now themselves prepared to use force, and to die in the attempt to oust Gadaffi. So far, however, the exiles' eagerness has been vastly outweighed by their ineptitude.

Indeed, the only effective opposition to Gadaffi has come from his own armed forces, which constitute the most lavishly equipped army in Africa but which seem disturbed at their Colonel's penchant for military adventurism and his desire to ensure that revolutionary institutions, and not military professionals, have the last word on how the army is run. It was the army which refused to countenance a possible border clash with Algeria when Gadaffi appeared to be on the brink of armed intervention in Tunisia last August and September.

Recent assertions that Gadaffi is now providing Abu Nidal with the logistical requirements for his group's murderous assaults in Vienna and Rome have given rise to the idea that Israel or the USA might find Libya an appropriate target for retaliation. But there is little likelihood that an Israeli or American air strike along the lines of the Tunis raid last October will fundamentally alter the situation. The Colonel is likely in response to adopt even more brutal terrorist measures to hit at his enemies. If he does not, there is no indication that his successors will necessarily pursue a more moderate or pragmatic path. Too many Libyan leaders have become brutalized by proximity to Gadaffi.

In any event, Israeli or US retaliation might only increase Libyan revolutionary credentials and legitimacy in the eyes of other Arab states. Yet action must be taken to tackle a regime which has so consistently flouted the norms of international behaviour, a country which has annexed territory from a neighbour in contravention of its obligations to the Organisation of African Unity, which has intervened militarily in no less than three neighbouring states and whose leadership shows no signs of remorse or contrition for its actions, or the actions, of its terrorist client organizations.

In general, countries which have suffered from the offensive actions of a country have the right of retortion against it, so they can take legal sanctions. Formal military intervention, however, is usually quite another matter. But Libya's case is not usual. If a state habitually offends against international law it is liable to forfeit its normal cast iron defence against external intervention.

JUSTICE AND JOURNALISM

The BBC programme Rough Justice was aptly, even prophetically named. Or so it might appear to those who make it. That the television inquiry into the case of a man jailed for robbery, should end with his acquittal and the punishment of two journalists who helped bring this about almost justifies calling it "Tales of the Unexpected".

This is not however to question the wisdom of the Corporation's decision to suspend the men concerned for three months without pay. This would indeed seem to have been a compromise – which took into account the views of the BBC chairman and director-general who reportedly thought that the two men should have been sacked (for using "unjustifiable threats" to get an interview).

It is rather to welcome the news that the Corporation is now considering action to clarify the guidelines on interviewing techniques. Taken in conjunction with everything else, this suggests not only an appreciation of the need for some change, but an acknowledgement that the system, as well as those who operate it, should share some of the blame.

It has been a difficult twelve months for the BBC. There are those in the higher reaches of Wood Lane who might wearily ask: "So, what's new?" But the fuss and furore over the Ulster edition of Real Lives, followed swiftly by the revelation that a brigadier from MI5 has been casting an eye over BBC staff, must have made 1985 seem a more hazardous year than most.

One characteristic these incidents have shared with the Rough Justice controversy is that they have exposed the weakness of an organization so large and so imperfectly woven that two-thirds cannot always know what the other one-third is doing. The BBC is divided and sub-divided into so many empires and far-flung domains that responsibility and good sense has to be delegated several times over.

This applies to a degree to any large organization. The difficulty faced by the BBC is that any one of these divisions is extraordinarily exposed to public scrutiny. It is rather like a footballer who perpetrates a foul behind the referee's back – but in full view of a crowded stand. One might at least expect that each player is made aware of the rules.

This is admittedly much more difficult than it sounds – and especially so in the case of a programme like Rough Justice. It is clearly absurd for a reporter who is investigating, say, allegations of police harassment, to outdo the police in harassing his own witnesses to gain evidence. But where does one draw the line between the kind of dogged questioning which might win him a Pulitzer prize and the coercion which could earn him the sack?

That there is a line to be drawn is undoubtedly true – and most journalists of any experience would know where it should go. But it is hard always to describe it in a way that would restrain the over-impulsive without too tightly shackling the diligent investigative journalist.

The National Union of Journalists has shown itself to be aware of the difficulty in calling for "guidelines" as opposed to "clarification". Meanwhile there are of course bodies to whom complaints can be made, like the Press Council and the Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

Whatever the difficulties however there remains a clear case for the BBC to put its own house in order – and the news that it is trying to do so is very welcome.

Shellfish and Byron

From Mr Maldwin Drummond

Sir, It may seem odd to connect your report on the creation of large numbers of shellfish middens by those who lived in eastern Scotland 5,000 years ago, with the works of Lord Byron (archaeology, December 30).

The poet's grandfather, "Foul Weather Jack", alias Admiral John Byron (1723-86) survived the wreck of the Wager, one of Anson's squadron, off the coast of Chile in 1741, only to be within a trice of being thrown from the canoe of some Indians who had befriended him. John Byron had committed the unforgivable sin of throwing his empty limpet shells overboard, rather than placing them reverently on one of the shellfish middens that abound in the islands of the Chonos.

We owe a debt to the old Indian lady who interceded on his behalf, for without her the crime of failing to appease the gods properly would have been fatal to both the midshipman and to his grandson's contribution to our poetry and literature.

Yours faithfully,
MALDWIN DRUMMOND,
The Manor of Cadland,
Cadland House,
Fawley,
Southampton, Hampshire.

Royal imprint

From Mr Jim Milne

Sir, Concerning Mr Cormac Rigby's suggestion (December 24) that the Post Office change the "rather girlish silhouette" of the Queen on postage stamps, may I remind him that Queen Victoria retained her youthful image until the end of her long reign, on her British stamps at least.

Yours faithfully,
JIM MILNE,
8 High Street,
Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scant recognition for the police ?

From Sir Eric St Johnston

Sir, In the New Year Honours list published on December 31, out of an establishment of 63,700 (1984 figure), the Royal Navy was given two KCBs, three CBs, four CBEs, 11 OBEs, 15 MBEs and 19 BEMs. The Army with an establishment of 161,500, were given two KCBs, six CBs, eight CBEs, 20 OBEs, 43 MBEs, while the Royal Air Force, with an etablishment of 93,100, were given one KCB, three CBs, five CBEs, 11 OBEs, 26 MBEs and 22 BEMs.

In contrast, the police service of the United Kingdom, with an establishment of 142,000 in 1984, were given two CBEs (one to a civilian), one OBE, five MBEs and 14 BEMs.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary lost 25 men on active service in 1985, yet only two RUC men were included among the 15 officers awarded Queen's Police Medals.

The Government, which prides itself in its support for the forces of law and order, has given scant recognition to the hard work and devotion to duty by men and women in the police service during the past 12 months – a year in which the police have probably faced greater difficulties than ever before.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC ST. JOHNSTON,
Old Swan House,
Great Rissington,
Gloucestershire.
January 3.

No honour for Geldof

From Professor P. Havard-Williams

Sir, Some years ago colleagues of mine were offered a civil decoration by a foreign power for their "international contribution" to their sphere of work. American, Dutch, French, German and Russian colleagues received their decorations. British colleagues were not allowed to do so, because the government's rules do not allow British citizens to receive decorations for international work.

No doubt the same argument in reverse is being used for Bob Geldof – the government would not make an award for international work to a "foreign citizen".

This kind of arguement is surely out of date now that the British Empire is not synonynous with the world! The omission of Bob Geldof at least saved the embarrassment of the decision over what to give him – CH or BEM?

It is not hard to guess which, given the snooks he cocked at the establishment.

Yours etc,

PETER HAVARD-WILLIAMS,
Department of Library and Information Studies,
University of Loughborough,
Loughborough,
Leicestershire.
January 1.

Bench and bar

From Lieutenant-Commander J. B. Lamb, RN

Sir, A "long ship", which is how sailors customarily describe any mess, home or establishment where refreshment takes a long time in the offering or arrival, is a hazard to be avoided.

Dr Lush's plea (December 28) deserves support. To ensure ready access to a pub bar, perhaps a double yellow line (no waiting except for loading or unloading) would be the answer.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN LAMB,
Burrow House,
Tywardreath,
Par,
Cornwall.
December 29.

Sporting firsts

From Mr Fritz Spiegl

Sir, There are many apparent references to football in the Bible (Sporting Diary, December 28), such as Exodus XXXVI, 33: "And he made the middle bar to shoot through"; and Nahum's line reminiscent of the free-kick position: "They make haste to the wall thereof and the defence is prepared."

For the referee Revelation X, 2 has: "And he had in his hand a little book, open . . ."; following the exhortation (Revelation i, 11): "What thou seest, write in a book."

The line in 2 Kings, "Then Elisha said shoot, and he shot . . ." was clearly a prophetic reference to the great Liverpool goalkeeper and penalty-saver Elisha Scott, a team which more recently had St John playing in midfield. And not long ago one of two brothers in the Birmingham City team could truthfully confirm that he was indeed his brother's keeper.

Yours faithfully,
FRITZ SPIEGL,
4 Windermere Terrace,
Liverpool.
December 31.

Deaths in S Africa

From Mr Anthony L. Teasdale

Sir, Your report (December 30) of the death in a car accident of white anti-apartheid campaigners Mrs Molly Blackburn and Dr Brian Bishop, and the injury of Dr Bishop's wife, Di, should occasion grief and sorrow on the part of all committed to peaceful change in South Africa.

In July, 1983, I and several other officials of the European Parliament toured South Africa to see the political situation there at first hand. Three of us had the enormous privilege of spending a day with Mrs Blackburn and the Bishops touring black squatter camps in the Cape Province and visiting other areas where whites were neither welcome by the blacks nor normally permitted to enter by the Government.

The work of all three ranks in my view as perhaps the most selfless, as well as dangerous, in the service of a great ideal that I have ever witnessed in my life. They were welcome everywhere and were treated with love and affection by dispossessed blacks in places where the arrival of whites normally heralded fear and intimidation, if not violence.

This was especially the case in Crossroads, where their humanitarian support was very moving to an outside observer such as myself, and highly prized by a population living under the constant threat of eviction.

Mr Bishop was a leading figure in the Catholic Church, whilst his wife and Mrs Blackburn worked hard within "Black Sash" – a peaceful white women's organisation campaigning to help the black majority use the few legal rights it possesses against the arbitrary enforcement of the law. The Pretoria Government has, of course, tried to suppress Black Sash's activities, not without success.

It is a tragedy that South Africa should lose work such as theirs: without moderate, democratic opposition whites operating within the political system for peaceful change, the fate of South Africa will be grim indeed.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY TEASDALE,
36 rue Bosquet,
Brussels 1060,
Belgium.
December 30.

Unfriendliness in outpost of Empire

From Mr Denis Hetherington

Sir, As a past resident of the British colony of the Turks and Caicos Islands I was very interested in Simon Winchester's article (December 27). I wonder whether he realizes that if Britain is keeping her colonial subjects at arm's length, the reverse is also true.

For instance, after seven years' residence in the Turks and Caicos Islands the national of any other country can qualify for "belonger" status. This confers the right to live, work and carry on a business without revalidation of the necessary permits: also, a "belonger" can change his or her employment or type of business without interference.

There is an exception – "belonger" status is never accorded to British UK citizens who, if they wish to live and work in the islands must re-apply every year for the permits required. Authority for the issue of these permits is in the hands of locally elected council members. Decisions are often questionable and the British Governor takes no part in these matters.

Although aware that British colonies are run on the basis that the interests of the native population are paramount, I can see no reason why Britons should be actively legislated against in favour of foreign nationals.

The policy of discrimination is resulting in Providenciales, one of the Caicos Islands, being turned into a neo-colony of the USA. The majority of business is in the hands of Americans. The island has been provided with an international airport paid for by the British taxpayer, but the British presence is at such a low level that most visitors are unaware that there is any British connection.

Simon Winchester makes the point that the islands are longing for recognition from Britain. In my three years' residence there I saw little evidence of this attitude. The islanders are quite happy to accept money from the British taxpayer which subsidises the entire economy. Their views are coloured by Black Power philosophy which considers Britain is responsible for the woes of the black people, and that Britain must continue to foot the bill for all time.

The British Parliament must decide what to do with these islands. The British colonial administration is completely ineffectual. The Chief Minister is at present in a US jail for accepting bribes from drug smugglers; the islands are used openly by these smugglers.

The Turks and Caicos Islands are a drain on the British taxpayer. Britain must re-establish its authority or the islanders must sort out their own problems independently, as do the inhabitants of the near-by ex-British Bahamas.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS HETHERINGTON,
143 Whipps Cross Road,
Leytonstone, E11.
December 29.

Kennedy heritage

From Mr Isaac T. Graves

Sir, I read your recent editorial concerning the senior United States Senator from Massachusetts with considerable interest ("Senator who?" December 21). My purpose in writing is not to defend Senator Kennedy – he is perfectly capable of doing that for himself – but to correct certain other inaccuracies.

Massachusetts has the lowest unemployment of the 10 largest industrial states in America, leads the nation in high technology medicine, and education, and is a major financial center. The economic recovery of Massachusetts is well documentated and reflects an area that can hardly be termed a "rust bowl" state.

Moreover, the liberalism that you decry in Senator Kennedy is part of the political and social heritage of New England, a region that has contributed much to the life of the United States.

Another important point to correct is that Mr Kennedy is not an "Irish politician from Massachusetts". He is an American, with an Irish heritage certainly, but American nevertheless.

I trust your comment did not assume that western US voters would not support an elected official of Irish heritage; that might be a considerable surprise to President Reagan. We are, as John F. Kennedy pointed out, a nation of immigrants, from many lands, but all Americans. As is Massachusetts' senior senator.

Yours faithfully,
ISAAC T. GRAVES,
Director, Europe,
Massport,
85/87 Jermyn Street,
St James, SW1.
December 23.

Monopoly powers

From the Director General of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors

Sir, In his letter to you of December 18, N. G. Allen drew attention to the use by some local councils of their powers of public purchase to impose their views on totally unrelated political issues on their contractors and suppliers.

Clearly it must be wrong for public authorities to seek to penalise firms by denying them work for no better reason than that the firms have undertaken major nuclear defence contracts for the elected national Government. In so doing, local authorities are not only seeking to interfere in matters of national defence, over which they have no proper jurisdiction, but are also putting at risk their general duty to secure the best possible value for the public money which they spend.

By the same token, it seems to us undeniable that the national Government owes a duty to its contractors and suppliers to ensure that they are under proper statutory protection against such tactics.

On April 18, 1985, William Waldegrave, the Minister for Local Government, in a debate on this topic, did indeed give a clear and unconditional undertaking that legislation would be introduced in this session of Parliament. He has recently, however, abandoned that undertaking.

The result is that firms who entered into nuclear defence contracts with the Government in good faith, relying on a ministerial undertaking that protection would be forthcoming, now find themselves exposed to further harassment and potentially very damaging discrimination.

In the view of my federation, the Government deserve severe censure for abandoning principle in favour of political expediency.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK GAULTER,
Director General,
The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors,
Cowdray House,
6 Portugal Street, WC2.

Lessons from Swiss

From Alan Searle

Sir, May another Britisher who has also lived a number of years in Switzerland, and who has been intimately connected with that country all his life, add a few words to the excellent letter (December 27) from Mr W. Farr?

The great Swiss success story is founded on their willingness always to compromise in politics wherever possible. Whether or not this is due to the influence of Jean-Jacques Rousseau I cannot say. As the Swiss will explain rather dolefully. "We stagger from one soggy compromise to the next". And then they add more cheerfully, "But it works. In practical terms it delivers the goods". This was born, not from Rousseau theorizing, but from sheer necessity to survive surrounded by much larger nations and not always very friendly.

There was a time when we in Britain were the envy of the world for our willingness and ability to compromise in politics. We had to, as a small island nation dependent for survival on large overseas commitments and foreign trade. Today we seem to have lost this ability to choose the *via media*, and this at a time when, in different circumstances, it is required just as much as previously. We now go from confrontation to confrontation as right and left refuse to concede an inch.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN SEARLE,
67 Fitzgerald Road, E11.

Wind in the wires

From Mrs John Miller

Sir, To Mr Alker's regret (December 27) for the loss of the "haunting moan of the wind in the wires," may I add a memory of my childhood?

I used to press an ear to one of the tall wooden poles and listen, enchanted, to the faint, twanging buzz that I could then hear – the voices, I believed, of magical strangers talking to each other across the spaces of the world.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTIAN MILLER,
The Old Stables,
Newtown,
Newbury, Berkshire.

Art and design

From Mr Quentin Blake

Sir, It would seem from a recent newspaper report that the President of the Royal Academy need look no further for evidence of the interrelationship of art and design than the academy's own restaurant.

The china for the restaurant has been decorated with designs by the painter Philip Sutton, RA; and it has proved so irresistible to the public that it has had to be withdrawn before it disappears entirely.

Yours faithfully,
QUENTIN BLAKE,
Flat 8,
30 Bramham Gardens, SW5.

Charity letters without appeal

From Mr John M. Montgomery,

Sir, A livery company with which I am connected receives a large number of charitable appeals. I would like to make some general points which might be considered by those who wish to submit appeals.

Half of the appeals submitted to my company do not fall within our policy guidelines. I would suggest that it is important to find out the policy of the prospective donor before submitting an appeal.

Charities should set out succinctly what the object of the appeal is. In one extreme case a major national organization sent out separately six different sets of documents from which it was virtually impossible to find out what the object of the appeal was. Submissions should also be brief; one national charity sent a 46-page appeal, a waste of paper and money.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN M. MONTGOMERY,
22 Red Lane,
Claygate,
Esher,
Surrey.
December 31.

From Mr Ian Ross

Sir, I wonder how many people realize that, amidst all the euphoria of the clearing banks claiming "no bank charges", charities are excluded? This is certainly so in the case of our own bankers.

Yours truly,
IAN ROSS,
UK National Director,
International Christian Relief,
PO BOX No 180,
16 St John's Hill,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
January 2.

Future of Westland

From Sir Christopher Cockerell, FRS

Sir, Westlands own the British Hovercraft Corporation. Do we want our hovercraft know-how to go to the United States via Sikorsky? In the United States, 100 hovercraft are being built for the navy.

In this country, hovercraft development is stagnating for lack of the sort of help it would be receiving in the USA or France or Japan or Germany – or Russia, which has many hovercraft.

Acorns cannot survive to grow into saplings and then oak trees without cultivation.

I should say that I have no connection with the British Hovercraft Corporation, and no financial interest in hovercraft.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER COCKERELL,
16 Prospect Place,
Hythe,
Southampton,
Hampshire.
January 5.

Interest on policies

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, Mr Oppé [December 30] misses the point about interest on life policies. Of course, the actual payment of the proceeds of a policy should be delayed until evidence of death and the entitlements of the claimant have both been proved. What is scandalous is that any insurance company should take advantage of the situation by not adding interest to the proceeds during this period, in effect giving itself an interest-free loan at the beneficiaries' expense.

The proposed revised statement of long-term insurance practice is quite unacceptable. Interest should be paid from the date of death, not from two months afterwards. Contrary to what Mr Oppé says, sums of money are being unfairly withheld from beneficiaries.

Yours faithfully,

JEREMY MITCHELL, Director,
National Consumer Council,
18 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
December 30.

Fires on the farm

From the Director of the Fire Protection Association

Sir, Your correspondent's report concerning arson on farms (Spectrum, December 27) rightly draws attention to a serious problem. In one important respect, however, his picture is incorrect. He reports that agricultural arsonists comprise farmers seeking insurance money, country dwellers with a grudge against farmers and "genuine arsonists" who derive a thrill from flames.

In point of fact most arson, whether on farms or in factories, is associated with vandalism. Children and the young are frequently involved. In particular, his passing reference to industrial arson as being a by-product of the recession, with businessmen defrauding insurers, is wrong.

A seminar arranged in November, 1985, in Brussels by the European Conference of Fire Protection Associations confirmed that throughout Europe the major cause of arson is vandalism.

This seminar identified a programme of action for governments, fire brigades, police, insurers and managements to help begin to overcome the scourge of arson which is now costing hundreds of millions of pounds a year. In this fight against arson it is vitally important accurately to identify the true motivation of arsonists. If not, then the remedial measures applied will be largely wasted.

Yours faithfully,

C. DOUGLAS WOODWARD,
Director,
Fire Protection Association,
140 Aldersgate Street, EC1.
January 2.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 6 1820

William Cobbett (1763-1835) and The Times were bitter enemies and rivals for over 30 years. Cobbett founded his weekly Political Register *in 1800 and it became the voice of the working classes. In their attacks on each other the two journals gave no quarter – the Register's "bloody old Times", countered by Printing House Square's "old Cobbett's paunch" is one example of their vituperative style. Yet on Cobbett's death* The Times *was generous – "We never deliberately injured him . . . and in his grave we should be sorry to offer him any injustice". The reference to Tom Paine (1737-1809) arises from the dishumation in 1819 of his body from his grave in America by Cobbett who brought it to Liverpool.*

ADVICE TO MR. COBBETT.

We are disposed to give a few words of sound counsel to some of our cotemporaneous writers, in which act we may perhaps encounter the usual fate of unsolicited advisers – that of giving offence; yet the desire of doing good still "pricks us on." Mr. COBBETT, it is understood, means to attempt, as he once did before, the establishment of a daily paper. Some of the homely adages of MOORES *Poor Robin Improved*, generally published at this time of the year, may give him hope, both of moral and pecuniary advantage in this enterprise. "It's a long lane "without a turning;" and "once a rascal, not always a rascal". These are *dicta* which may inspire him with a just ambition. Let him not abuse with the utmost coarseness one day, a man whom he praises with equal violence the next: but let him have some regard to his own word and recorded opinion, and then others may respect them. We would wish him seriously to consider, that there perhaps never was a man with his powers, (which yet he greatly overrates) so thoroughly an object of contempt as he is, since the English language was written, from his, we hope, still corrigible habits of lying and swearing, and swaggering and libelling, and praising, without the slightest regard to truth, propriety, subsequent detection, or self-contradiction. The people to whom he writes, are, we fear, in a great degree, such as he used to call them, and as he will, no doubt, call them again; still they are not quite so brutal as, by his mode of treating them, he seems to suppose. They would rather have the man who addresses them decent, respectable, and (for the sake of his opinions at least, even though they care nothing about himself) consistent, uniform, and unimpeachable, than the very reverse of all these. Their enemies have a powerful hold upon them, in representing them as the followers of a brutal demagogue, who says and unsays the same thing in a week. Was any thing so horrible ever heard of, as his vowing that he would so abuse Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, that the Baronet should destroy himself, and be buried in a cross-road for suicide; and soon after offering to shake hands, on condition that the person against whom the malice was denounced, should bring into Parliament the slanderer, and another worthy, of similar, but perhaps something more decent habits? The annals of extortion present no attempt at fraud so atrocious. We hope, for the sake of "the respectable part of the press" into which this Mr. COBBETT is now again endeavouring to raise himself, that he will give up such practices. As to the bones which he calls TOM PAINE'S, (this, we may observe, nobody believes) – but as to the bones, to whatsoever animal they may have belonged, we will advise what to do with them. There is nearly opposite to Shoreditch-church, a sign to this effect – "The best price given for "old bones." Thither let COBBETT take them, and sell them for as much as they will fetch; and let the world hear no more about them.

Strong influences

From Dr M. J. C. Walker

Sir, Jack Straw's article on the "Masters of the Universe" (December 28) raises the Labour Party's American xenophobia, already at fever pitch in some quarters, to new levels of absurdity. While not professing a great liking for He-man, Skeleton and their ilk, I do find these toys preferable to the plethora of guns, swords and war games (mostly non-American in manufacture) that litter the shelves of most toy shops.

Moreover, I am surprised that Mr Straw is concerned that the "perversion of morality" and "gratuitous violence" that he sees as implicit in the Masters of the Universe is likely to have an adverse effect on his small son, when he himself appears to have emerged relatively unscathed from the often appalling levels of violence, to say nothing of the racism, fascism, sexism and victimisation of weaker individuals, that are the stock in trade of the comics to which he admits a childhood addiction.

By the way, my five-year-old daughter must be a worry to Mr Straw. For some time now she has been hooked on the Care Bears – also an American product. I suppose her mind is being warped by an excess of kindness and concern for others.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL J. C. WALKER,
3 Macsycoed Road,
Lampeter,
Dyfed.
December 28.

A pressing need

From Commander David Bird, RN

Sir, The title of one of the leaders today (December 30) is "The pips still squeak". How is this done? I have tried with orange, lemon and apple pips and I cannot make them squeak. I am sure that some of the readers of *The Times* can supply the answer.

Meantime I remain,

Your obedient pipsqueak,
DAVID BIRD,
The White House,
Nyewood,
Nr Petersfield,
Hampshire.
December 30.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 5: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Church this morning.

The Bishop of Jarrow preached the sermon.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Michael Holman, former Chief Executive of The West of England Ship Owners Insurance Services Limited, will be held at All-Hallows-by-the-Tower, Byward Street, London, EC3, at 11.30am tomorrow.

Birthdays today

Major K. G. Adams, 66; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, 59; Sir Ashley Bramall, 70; Major-General Sir Hamish Campbell, 81; Sir Robert Clark, 62; Mr John Croft, 63; Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Farndale, 57; Mr Barry John, 41; Mr P. J. Kavanagh, 55; Lord Plowden, 79; Miss Sylvia Sims, 52; Mr William Sirs, 66; Mr J. P. Sowden, 69; Sir Cecil Stafford-King-Harman, 91; Sir Andrew Urquhart, 68; Sir Ernest Woodroofe, 74.

Antigua holiday

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent have flown to Antigua for a holiday. They were booked under assumed names when they left Heathrow Airport on Friday by a scheduled British Airways flight.

Clifford Longley

Jewish-Christian relations strained

Jewish-Christian relations in Britain, normally excellent, were under strain last year because of the activities of Christian missionary organizations, particularly at universities.

A working party of the Council of Christians and Jews is to draft a statement which leaders of the main Christian churches will be asked to sign, repudiating "unfair" conversion tactics.

The Jewish community, particularly the Orthodox, is angry at the allegedly high-pressure, and sometimes, devious methods employed by Evangelical Protestant groups of the "Jews for Christ" variety.

They would like nothing less than the repudiation of all Christian attempts to convert Jews, and there are some Jewish leaders prepared to threaten a withdrawal from the Council of Christians and Jews unless such undertakings are secured.

The churches' representatives in those negotiations have pointed out that a churchman even as exalted as the Archbishop of Canterbury, say, has no control or sway over Christian fundamentalist missionary organizations.

It is becoming apparent, however, that behind the Christian position in the dispute lies a more basic difficulty: Christian doctrine logically does demand that Christians should want Jews to become Christians, or so it seems.

Although there has been no objection to the mainstream churches in Britain, the issue may force them to come clean about their basic attitude to the Jews and Judaism.

Their further difficulty is that they have, by and large, given little thought to the theological questions at stake, unexamined inherited assumptions having hitherto been found sufficient.

Those are, simply, that the coming of Christ marked the close of the era when Israel was the chosen vehicle of God's dealings with man. The church, the new Israel, replaced it; for the New Covenant (made through Christ) automatically cancelled the Old (made through Abraham.)

It is for such reasons that many Jews, and an increasing number of Christians, have come to regard a Christian church founded on such a basis as essentially and inherently antisemitic. It leaves no room for Jews to continue to exist as such; so their only relevance to Christianity is as potential converts to it.

It is a more profound root to Christian antisemitism than those already identified and repudiated, such as the charge against the Jews of "deicide" for having killed Christ. But there is a logical progression from the repudiation of that sort of antisemitism to the repudiation of the deeper kind.

Many Roman Catholic theologians and a number of Protestant theologians, particularly in Germany, have moved from one to the other. The present Pope has declared that God's new covenant did not imply the abrogation of the old, so that the Jews have retained their "chosenness" through 2,000 years of Christian history.

So far, however, there has been little reflection of such thinking in British Christian circles, Catholic or otherwise.

Those few who do think like that are usually closely associated with Christian-Jewish relations already. In the church at large in Britain, doubts about the rightness of converting Jews tends to be associated with doubts about converting anybody at all, for reasons which have nothing to do with theories about the continuing validity of the Old Convenant.

But that too is a minority opinion; among the majority, the assumptions of 50 years ago survive unchanged. Unlike the rest of Europe, Britain has not been through the trauma of the Nazi holocaust, and has therefore not felt the need to search its conscience.

Even to withdraw from at least nominal proselytism of Jews is to challenge central Christian ideas about salvation through Christ. It is hardly a step to be taken in the name of religious neighbourliness; Jews would not consider abandoning their own concept of their convenant with God just to make Christians feel easier.

The best they can do is to urge Christian theologians to re-examine the Christian attitude to the Jews at that basic level.

It is certainly a fit subject for the Doctrine Commission of the Church of England: So far, however, the Jewish response has been dismissive of such an approach: as one Jewish representative said recently: "We don't want theology, we want action".

They cannot, of course, concede that the Jewish right to exist should be dependent on nuances in Christian theology: they would not have survived 2,000 years of Christian hostility that way. Indeed it is their very survival independent of Christianity, in spite of persecution, that presents Christianity today with compelling evidence of that other more ancient covenant.

That they wish to defend young Jewish students from opportunist campus evangelism is more evidence of Jewish commitment to that covenant. In Christian terms, without that commitment in the distant past, there would have been no Christianity, and that is the paradox at the heart of Jewish-Christian relations.

In Jewish terms, Christian proselytism is an invitation to be unfaithful, to break the contract which God made with Abraham. If it is still in force, as the Pope says it is, it should not be dishonoured, by Christians or by Jews.

OBITUARY

CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD

Novelist of the camera eye



Christopher Isherwood, the novelist and playwright, died on January 4 in California which had been his home for the past forty-five years. He was 81.

Isherwood was one of the most brilliant figures among the literary generation which emerged in the decade before the last war, and books like *Mr Norris Changes Trains* and *Goodbye to Berlin* appeared to predicate for him a leading place among novelists writing in English. If his closest admirers felt that this promise was not fulfilled nevertheless Isherwood continued to be at least a skilful entertainer in a variety of modes.

Until 1939 he was a close associate of W. H. Auden with whom he lived for some time and with whom he collaborated on several verse plays.

Born in 1904, Christopher William Bradshaw Isherwood came from an old established north country family, against whose traditions he showed himself, at the beginning of his literary career, to be in extreme revolt.

He was educated at Repton and at Corpus Christi College Cambridge. He studied medicine for a time at King's College, London, and then, after the publication of his first novel *All the Conspirators* in 1928, left for Berlin where he earned a modest living as a teacher of English. In *The Memorial*, his second novel (1932), some of the psychological tensions behind this turn in his life may perhaps be glimpsed.

It was during these years, which saw the world economic crisis of 1929-30 and the rise of Hitler's National-Socialist movement to power in Germany, that he gathered material for the books on which his popular reputation was based. *Mr Norris Changes Trains*, published in 1935, was the story of an entertaining scoundrel told with great humour and in prose remarkable for its conversational ease and lucid freshness of imagery. Essentially, however, like its successor, *Goodbye to Berlin*, pieces of which had appeared in the earliest numbers of *New Writing*, it was an ironic and compassionate picture of Berlin during the death throes of the Weimar Republic and of the foreign birds of passage who were drawn there temporarily for one reason or another.

In these two books Isherwood perfected the technique of the "camera eye", a deceptive description for a narrator who was never, under the surface, less than a partial observer of the scene.

In his autobiographical book *Lions and Shadows*, published in 1937, Isherwood showed the same gift for comic yet affectionate portraiture which had been outstanding in the Berlin stories, but on this occasion in free sketches of youthful friends and contemporaries who were destined to become famous literary figures, under such easily penetrable pseudonyms as "Hugh Weston" and "Stephen Savage". In some ways the most interesting revelation of *Lions and Shadows* was Mortmere, the world of grotesque fantasy which he inhabited with his friend "Chalmers" (afterwards identified by him as Edward Upward) while he was at Cambridge.

This fondness for the fantastical comes out strongly in the plays which, after his departure from Germany, he began to write with Auden. In spirit, one might say, they show a highly original mixture of Freud, Marx and Edward Lear, especially the first *The Dog Beneath the Skin*, which was produced by Rupert Doone's Group Theatre in 1935. *The Ascent of F6* followed in 1937, and *On The Frontier* in 1938.

After his expedition to China with Auden in 1938 (which resulted in the joint travel book *Journey to a War*), Isherwood left for America, applied for American citizenship, and eventually settled in California which remained his home for the rest of his life. He had always been strongly attracted by the cinema – an attraction which produced one of his most entertaining *nouvelles*, *Prater Violet* – and worked on and off as a script writer in Hollywood. When America entered the war he declared his pacifist convictions and joined the American Friends' Service Committee.

At the same time his interest began to grow in Yoga and Vedanta, and he took on the editorship of *Vedanta and the West* in 1943. With Swami Prabhavananda he translated a number of Indian religious classics, including the Bhagavad-Gita. He also wrote a biography *Ramakrishna and his disciples*. After the end of the war in 1945 he made several visits to England, and a long expedition to South America, about which he wrote *The Condor and the Cows* (1949).

The Berlin stories were given a new lease of life by the adaptation which John Van Druten made of *Sally Bowles* for the stage; a success which was followed by a film on the same theme. The film in its turn, was made into a musical, though without Isherwood's co-operation; and the musical, by a fourth transformation, into the highly successful musical film *Cabaret*.

Meanwhile, he began to write fiction again, though in the opinion of some critics not always with the same sure touch he had displayed in his earlier novels. *The World in the Evening* came out in 1954, *Down there on a Visit* in 1962. This was followed in 1964 by *A Single Man*, beautifully articulated short novel in which he broke with his former first person-singular manner to depict a day in the life of a British teacher of literature in an American college. Disillusioned, shrewdly observant as always, and funny in a new way, *A Single Man* was nevertheless, in essence, once more only thinly disguised autobiography.

1966 saw the publication of *Exhumations*, a collection of critical articles, short stories and occasional poems which, though delightful and revealing in themselves to the Isherwood *aficionado*, did not add very much to the known *persona* of the author. In 1967, however, he produced yet another new departure, a novel told mainly in a series of letters between two brothers, Patrick, the elder, a publisher, and Oliver, the younger, about to take his final vows in an Indian monastery. In addition, Patrick's letters to their mother, to his wife, and to the young man he has secretly fallen in love with, form an essential part of the narrative.

Though short again in compass, *A Meeting by the River* shows Isherwood's story-telling powers at their most cunning, and his presentation of the basically dissembling self-satisfaction of Patrick, and the emotional see-saw in Oliver's attitude towards his brother, are masterly.

For several years after *A Meeting by the River* Isherwood devoted himself to a project that had been in his mind for some time: a study of the relationship of his parents through his mother's diary and his father's letters to her up to his death in the First World War.

The surprises of *Kathleen and Frank* (1971) are, first, that Frank is revealed as a soldier whose deepest desire was to devote himself to artistic pursuits, and who wanted Christopher above all "to remain himself"; and that his mother, clearly a stronger and more conventional character, while providing the charge that made her son revolt against all the rules of life she held most sacred, became happily reconciled to him after his settling in California and his activities in America; because these steps were in an unexpected way, and as it were in a different key, the fulfilment of what she had always wanted for him.

Later, he became interested in making stage adaptations of his shorter novels, and wrote several scripts for television films, all in collaboration with his friend, the artist Don Bachardy. The autobiographical *Christopher and his Kind* appeared in 1977.

Isherwood was of comparatively short stature, with striking blue eyes under bushy eyebrows, a tall forehead and a dominant nose, and prided himself on his physical fitness right into his later years. He had an engaging sense of humour, often touched with his own brand of macabre fantasy. He was elected a member of the US National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1949.

DUSTIN GEE

Dustin Gee, the comedian and impressionist, died in hospital on January 3 at the age of 43. He was admitted on New Year's Day after collapsing with a heart attack while appearing in the pantomime, *Cinderella*, with his partner, Les Dennis.

Gee had been in show-business for 20 years before he and Dennis became national figures through the zany television show, *Russ Abbot's Madhouse*. From this they branched out into their own programmes, *Go for It* and *The Laughter Show*, a new series of which has just started on BBC1.

Born in York and brought up in Manchester, Gee studied at Art School and worked as an artist in stained glass. An early taste of showbusiness came while playing at night in a rock band and when the band split up he decided to try his hand as a comedian.

He met Les Dennis in 1975 when they appeared on the television show for impressionists, *Who Do You Do?* They developed a wide and clever repertoire of impersonations, from Hollywood actors like Robert Mitchum to characters from *Coronation Street* and the rock stars Boy George, David Bowie and Mick Jagger.

Mr Arthur Henry Seymour Vivian, who died on December 22 at the age of 86, was Clerk of the Skinners' Company, 1941-45.

PHIL LYNOTT

Phil Lynott who was lead vocalist with the rock band Thin Lizzy during its most successful years, died in hospital in Salisbury on January 4. He was 35.

Lynott, who was Irish, came to prominence in the world of pop music in 1971 when Thin Lizzy had their first hit with a reworking of the Irish folk song "Whisky in the Jar".

Thereafter, with Lynott as its lead singer, the group had great popularity throughout the Seventies and early Eighties until 1984 when it broke up.

Among personal hits for Lynott were "Dear Miss Lonely Hearts", "King's Call" and "Yellow Pearl".

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. F. Dark and Miss E. F. Mathews
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. F. Dark, of Altrincham, Cheshire, and Elizabeth Frances (Gussie), only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. D. Mathews, of Rye, Sussex.

Mr T. J. Draper and Miss R. L. Gower
The engagement is announced between Tim, second son of Mr A. Draper and of Mrs E. Owen, and Rosemary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Gower.

Mr P. A. Egan and Miss M. G. Davis
The engagement is announced between Rusty, fourth son of Mr and Mrs J. P. Egan, of Harrow, and Miranda, elder daughter of Canon and Mrs Rex Davis, of Lincoln.

Mr S. G. Graziani and Miss S. J. Buckley
The engagement is announced between Simon Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs L. M. Grazzinai, of Highfield House, Osmington Mills, Dorset, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs M Buckley, of 2 Jamine Way, Wyke, Regis.

Mr S. J. Holt and Miss E. C. N. Wrathall
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr S. G. Holt and the late Mrs M. R. Holt, of Spratton Manor, Northamptonshire, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. G. Wrathall, of East Haddon Hall, Northamptonshire.

Mr D. J. C. Harrison and Miss A. M. Nilsson
The engagement is announced between Douglas James Christian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Iain Harrison, of Craighat, Killearn, Stirlingshire, and Anna Margareta, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Folke Nilsson, of Uppsala, Sweden.

Mr D. W. Hunter and Miss F. F. Teale
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of the late Mr J. W. Hunter and of Mrs M. J. Hunter, of Pollockshields, Glasgow, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. B. C. Teale, of South Ferring, Worthing, West Sussex.

Mr M. J. D. Hutchinson and Miss L. A. D. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs A. D. Hutchinson, of Prinsted, Hampshire, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Dundas Hamilton, of Kensington, London.

Mr S. M. Kemp and Miss E. T. Kerr
The engagement is announced between Simon Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Derek Kemp, of Horsham, West Sussex, and Ellen Theresa, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Kerr, of Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire.

Mr D. J. S. Llewellyn and Miss P. V. Fox
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. D. Llewellyn, of Charlwood House, Ropley, Alresford, Hampshire, and Pru, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Fox, of High House, St Bees, Cumbria.

Mr D. Mandell and Miss J. Pritchard-Jones
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Mandell, of Stoneygate, Leicester, and Julie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Pritchard-Jones, of Coed Hywel, Pontllyfni, Caernarfon, North Wales.

Mr D. A. Mann and Miss R. J. Kite
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs J. Mann, of Ainsdale, Southport, and Rosemary, daughter of Dr and Mrs L. V. Kite, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr P. G. A. Mason and Miss H. R. Naylor
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Mason, of Hadlow, Kent, and Helen Ruth, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Ernest Naylor, of Anglesey.

Mr W. W. Oliver and Miss S. Owen
The engagement is announced between Warren, son of Mr and Mrs W. W. Oliver, of Lake Oswego, Oregon, United States, and Susanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. T. Owen, of Wuppertal, West Germany.

Mr N. H. Pontin and Miss J. E. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mrs J. E. Pontin, and the late Mr K. Pontin, of Lingfield, Surrey, and Jaqueline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. R. Marshall, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr N. Rowley and Miss L. M. Morandi
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs P. Rowley, of Woldingham, Surrey, and Lelia daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Morandi of Milan, Italy

Mr M. J. Sackin and Miss T. Munro Glass
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr A. L. Sackin, of Sheffield, and of Mrs M. Sackin, of Finchley, London, and Tessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Munro Glass of The Barbican, London.

Mr N. R. Stewart and Miss S. A. Broadfoot
The engagement is announced between Neil Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jack Stewart, of Tonbridge, Kent, formerly of Montrose, and Sheila Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Broadfoot, of Epsom, Surrey, formerly of Dumfries.

Mr L. M. Synge and Miss G. E. R. Brooke
The engagement is announced between Lanto, eldest son of Mrs and the late Mr J. S. Synge, of Ballinglen, co Wicklow, and Georgina, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs G. A. G. Brooke, of Balcombe, Sussex.

Mr A. J. Tillard and Miss S-J. C. Wysock Wright
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Major-General and Mrs P. B. Tillard, of Chailey, Sussex, and Sarah-Jane eldest daughter of Mr C. R. W. Wysock Wright, of Scaynes Hill, Sussex, and Mrs H. T. Bolus, of Burton Cottage, Aldwincle, Northamptonshire.

Major P. C. C. Trousdell and Miss S. C. S. Parker
The engagement is announced between Philip Trousdell, The Royal Irish Rangers, son of Colonel and Mrs P. J. C. Trousdell, of Beckington, Bath, Avon, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. D. Parker, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr R. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Miss J. M. Hussey
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs M. A. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Sussex, and Julie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Hussey, of Crowley Green, Rickmansworth.

Capt D. C. Whittaker and Miss R. M. Fenton
The engagement is announced between David Whittaker, Royal Engineers, son of Mr and Mrs R. W. Whittaker, of Heathfield, Sussex, and Rosamund, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. S. B. Fenton, of Rotherfield, Sussex.

Mr J. R. T. Willis and Miss K. A. White
The engagement is announced of John Richard Tremayne, son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Willis, of Kestle, Wadebridge, Cornwall, to Katharine Anne, daughter of Major and Mrs W. H. White, of 11 Church Street, Padstow, Cornwall.

Mr J. D. Wills and Miss J. Woodbridge
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs D. A. Wills, of Evesham, and Jane, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs P. A. Woodbridge, of Eastbourne.

Mr D. A. Wright and Miss E. L. Anderson
The engagement is announced between David Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs K. R. Wright, of Mill House, Ponders End, Middlesex, and Emma Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Anderson, of Great Amwell, Hertfordshire.

Mr A. O. Zetter and Miss J. Dahlstrom
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr Paul Zetter, CBE, and Mrs Zetter, of Chelsea, London and Joni, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dahlstrom, of California, United States.

Marriages

Mr A. G. G. Bennett and Miss Z. D. Spencer
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hornbury St Mary, Surrey, of Mr Adam Gordon Greverus Bennett, younger son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Francis Bennett, of London, NW3, and Miss Zoë Diana Spencer, daughter of the late Professor T. J. B. Spencer and of Mrs Spencer, of London, NW1. The Rev J. B. Thomas officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Robert Walpole, was attended by Nicholas Bennett, Giles Cooper and Tamsin Nutter. Mr Ric Cooper was best man.

Mr E. McClean and Miss N. Carne
The marriage took place on December 21, at the Parish Church, Chalfont St Giles, of Mr Eric McClean and Miss Nicola Carne. The Rev Denham Bayly Jones officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her step-father, Captain Donald Morison, RN, and attended by her half-sister, Miss Candida Morison. Mr James was the best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr P. J. Malein and Miss L. M. Robinson
The marriage took place in Mochrum Parish Church, Wigtownshire, Scotland, on Saturday, December 28, between Mr Patrick Malein, son of Mr and Mrs A. Malein, of Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire and Brussels, and Miss Isabel Robinson, daughter of Mr D. R. Robinson, and of the late Mrs Issbel Robinson, of Whauphill, Wigtownshire, Scotland. They will live in Papua, New Guinea

Mr G. G. A. Monty and Miss C. D. T. Tanner
The Marriage took place on New Year's Eve in Bath between Mr Geoffrey Guy Andreas Monty, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Monty, of Edenbridge, and Miss Carolyn Dawn Teresa Tanner, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs John Tanner, of Bath. A reception will be held in June in Bath.

Mr N. Russell and Miss A. Tanner
The marriage took place on Saturday in Greenwich, Connecticut, of Mr Nigel Russell, second son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Russell, of Keston, Kent, and Miss Alexandra Tanner, daughter of Mrs Harold R. Holmward and Mr Frederick C. Tanner, both of Greenwich.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Frederica Tanner, and Mr Michael C. Lewis was best man.

Royal Ascot

The list for applications for the Royal Ascot Enclosure has opened. Those wishing to apply for vouchers should apply personally, in writing, to her Majesty's Representative, The Ascot Office, St James Palace, London SW1A 1BP, before April 30, stating the full names of those members of their families who require vouchers and their ages if between 16 and 25 years. New applicants must apply before March 31 and will be sent forms which should be completed and signed by a sponsor who has been granted admission to the Royal Enclosure for at least eight previous years. No forms will be considered if they are returned late or incomplete. In the event of the list of new applicants being over-subscribed, it may be necessary to hold a ballot for Gold Cup Day on June 19. If that should occur, new applicants will be informed of the result in May. In the enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with a hat, which must cover the crown of the head, and gentlemen will wear morning dress with top hat, or service dress.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Dr Janet Lewis, who is in charge of research at the National Children's Bureau on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Security, to be assistant director (research) of the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust from March 3.

Party

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained children connected with the City and London boroughs at a fancy dress party at the Mansion House on Saturday.

Latest wills

Miss Margaret Scudamore, of Richmond upon Thames, left estate valued at £260,754 net. After bequests of £5,000 and personal chattels she left the residue equally between Girton College, Cambridge, and Godolphin and Latymer School, London.

Mr Albert Frederick Worboys, of Guilden Morden, Cambridgeshire, left £456,024 net. After bequests he left the residue equally between the RNIB, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the RNLI.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Barham, Mr Ivan Robert Henry, of Chipstead, Surrey £417,012

Salmon, Doris Notcutt, of Patcham, East Sussex £329,845

Schools

The Judd School Tonbridge

The governing body of The Judd School have appointed Mr K. A. Starling, Deputy Head Master of Portsmouth Grammar School, to be head master in succession to Mr D. P. Rendall, who is retiring in August 1986.

Northwood College

The governors of Northwood College have appointed Mrs D. Dalton, head of mathematics at Claremont High School, to be head mistress from September 1986, on the retirement of Miss M. D. Hillyer-Cole at the end of the Summer Term.

Loughborough Grammar School

Lent Term begins tomorrow with Simon Hill as head of school. The school, in conjunction with the high school, will present *Godspell* on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 19 to 22, 1986. Term ends on Thursday, March 27, 1986.

Wilson's School

Lent Term begins today and ends on March 27. Lieutenant-Colonel W. R. Bowden has been re-elected chairman of the governors and Major-General H. A. J. Sturge vice-chairman. W. R. Jackson remains school captain. The captain of swimming is G. S. Rennles. The annual school concert takes place on March 25. The Old Wilsonians' Association will hold their annual dinner on February 21 at the school.

Royal Grammar School Guildford

Lent Term begins today and ends on March 21. The examination for entry at 11 to the first form in 1986 will be held next Saturday, January 11. The junior play, *The Boy with a Cart* by Christopher Fry, will be presented on February 13 and 14; the seniors will present *The Bald Prima Dona*, by Ionesco, and Schaffer's *Black Comedy* on March 13, 14 and 15. The choral society will perform the Poulenc *Gloria* in the Civic Hall on March 18. The Oxford and Cambridge dinner will be held on February 15 at Queens' College, Cambridge. The annual dinner of the Old Guildfordians Association will be held at the school on March 21.

Science report

Giving robots a sharper vision

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

An electronic device to sharpen moving television images, which would be particularly useful in the broadcasting of sport and monitoring assembly lines controlled by "seeing" robots, has been developed by British Aerospace. Research for the unit, a video-imaging processing system (VIPS), was done at British Aerospace Army Division's optical technology department at Stevenage.

According to the designers: "Sensitivity is controlled, and considerably more detailed and sharper images are obtained of moving objects. The system also enables video images to be manipulated in a variety of new ways which will considerably extend the utility and performance of television equipment in commercial and defence applications."

The electronic sensor is a semiconductor charge-coupled device (CCD), consisting of two arrays of metal oxide silicon capacitors. One is light sensitive to the picture being photographed by the television camera. The second array, protected from light by an opaque mask, is a storage area for images.

The electrical pattern representing the video picture is built up in the first array over a period, typically 20 milliseconds (a millisecond is a thousandth of a second), for a television system operating at 50 Hertz frequency.

The accumulated video picture frame, in electrical form, is then transferred to the image storage areas of the device. The sensor area returns to the task of sampling the next picture frame in the video.

As the process continues, the picture is "read" from the storage area, one line at a time, to create the electrical signals for display.

During the sampling period, rapid motion in the video can produce blurring in the picture. The device, however, can shorten the integration period, just as the shutter speed can be reduced in a still camera, and only that sharpened image is transferred to the store for transmission to the display.

The researchers say: "This shortening of the effective exposure time has the same result as would be expected with a photographic camera freezing the image of a moving object, increasing its contrast against its background and also disclosing, more exactly, its precise position at that instant."

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THE ARTS

PUBLISHING

Diary of delight

According to the entry for January 4, 1986, Albert Camus died that day in Paris in 1960. The entry for January 4, 1987 (a glimpse into the future) declares that T. S. Eliot died on the same day but in 1965. Why Camus is allowed his place of death and Eliot not I do not know. The entry for January 6, 1986 reveals (and that has to be the verb, especially as I cannot find the gentleman's entry in the DNB) that William Sherlock Scott Holmes was born in the North Riding of Yorkshire on that date in 1854.

This information, and hundreds of other facts, recondite or more obvious, are contained in the liveliest of literary diaries, *Waterstone's* for 1986. There is a clever quiz (set by Antonia Till and Hugh Bredin) that is worth £3,000 in book prizes: the closing date for entries is St Valentine's Day. There are quotations galore from authors ancient and modern, even a *history* of the Booker McConnell Prize for Fiction and a list of the winners and short-listed titles from 1976. The compilation – handsomely produced, with gilt edges and a fake leather binding in Waterstone's hot chocolate brown — is edited by Helen Walker.

It matters not a fig but if, like me, you are amused by the accidents of fate that have W. Somerset Maugham and Virginia Woolf share a birthday, and Samuel Beckett and John Braine likewise, this must be the diary for you.

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Ian Norrie, arguably Britain's most influential individual bookseller by dint of the location of his emporium on Hampstead's High Street and by his sometimes abrasive, often reactionary column in the trade fortnightly, *Publishing News*, has been urging that Frank Delaney should resign as chairman of the National Book League. The reason? Because, apparently, Mr Delaney has rarely been sighted at the league's headquarters, Book House in Wandsworth, where the league-in-exile is sited.

My sympathies are substantially with Mr Delaney who, single-handed (or rather voiced), has done in recent years for books and reading what McDonald's continue to do for hamburgers. In the past, chairmen of the 50-year-old league have used the office – albeit unwittingly, I am certain – to boost their own literary interests, whether they have been publisher or author, and the two kinds of bookmen have alternated in office. Some, like Michael Holroyd, have been genuinely disinterested; others, like Simon Hornby of W. H. Smith, have sensibly and indirectly used it to advertise their own company's involvement with books.

Mr Delaney has no need of exposure. Instead, he has kept a low profile in public – in private, he has castigated Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, for not providing more money for literature – and commissioned a closely-guarded report on the future of the NBL, starting from the question of whether it has one.

As for the volatile and energetic Ian Norrie, he is both former employer of the league's director, Martyn Goff, and his confidant. If Mr Norrie writes that Frank Delaney should resign, it is clear that chairman and director do not see eye to eye as to the NBL's future.

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Any mention of poetry in this column brings outraged correspondence pouring in. When a few weeks ago, hiding behind the shade of Dr Johnson, I suggested that "no man but a blockhead ever wrote, except for money", I was slapped on the wrist by several readers. The distinguished author John Mitchell wrote: "I suspect that the term vanity publishing was popularized by commercial publishers to protect their monopoly."

He suggested further, and I would not disagree, that "Many good writers have begun by pursuing personal enthusiasms or obsessions, and their first outlet has often been one of the small literary, scientific or special-interest journals which flourish among us with not official encouragement and, so it seems to me, are at the root of modern culture".

Another reader, Donald Madgwick, founded Hazelwood Books for a specific purpose. "I am a 'vanity publisher', if you choose to use that term, only in the sense that I brought out a book of my own, at my own expense, and with no intention of acting as a 'pimp' for other authors".

The book is well printed, illustrated and sturdily bound. Entitled *A Modern Don Juan*, it is a 600-stanza poem of energy and expertise. Colin Wilson has compared it favourably to Byron's *Don Juan* and to Auden's *Letter to Lord Byron*. I would also, but I can live without Byron. Is it because the author admits to having published it himself that it has not been reviewed? (Copies are available, price £4.95, from 201 Woodside Green, London SE25 5EN.)

E. J. Craddock



Donald Cooper

Michael Siberry as Nicholas Nickleby protecting his sister Kate from the heartless money-men

Theatre

Magic distilled into sentimentality

Nicholas Nickleby
Stratford

It is appropriate that the home of Bardolatry should play host to this apotheosis of Dickensolatory before its spring season in Newcastle and its 12-month tour of America. The cult of English Literature has many paradoxes: here is a massive, second-rate novel brought to life in a massive, first-rate production by Trevor Nunn and John Caird. First-rate, that is, in terms of casting, technical fluency and razor-sharp ensemble playing. In terms of psychological absorption or emotional engagement, it is not even tenth-rate.

"We should try not to muddle the functions of the Arts", cautions Dame Sybil Thorndike in her introduction to the O.U.P. paperback of *Nicholas Nickleby* – the book, one might say, of the television serial of the stage play of the book. Dame Sybil's argument, that the perspective of the novel-reader and the cinemagoer is radically divorced from that of the theatre audience, is a point so obvious as to demand repetition.

Dickens's supreme artistic achievement was to take the vocabulary of theatrical effects he knew so well and to make from them a narrative grammar which, at least in the present-tense chapters of his later novels, foreshadowed that of the cinema screenplay. It is crucially a technique of selection and distillation. To remove the selective intelligence, to replace the single omnipotent eye with the diffuse and pedestrian organization of live theatre, is to qualify the brandy with grape-juice: the magical exhalations drown, and what remain are rhetoric, charade, sentimentality, costumes, funny names: in a word, literalness.

Perhaps these things constitute Dickens's appeal for our age (and I give you the commercial successes of *Oliver!* and *Pickwick*). David Edgar's adaption of *Nickleby*, revived here with a substantially new cast after its convincing conquests of the West End and Broadway, seems to have been designed with a specific modern audience in mind, from its introductory exposition of the Nickleby family's circumstances at the beginning of Part 1 to the last chorus of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" some eight hours of stage time later.

It is the same audience, one suspects, that enjoyed the National Theatre's *Mysteries* and Ann Jellicoe's "community" plays, the last of which Mr Edgar himself wrote. Above all, it is an audience which thrives on the rather bogus sense of "involvement" fostered by such entertainments, which relishes hobnobbing with the players in the aisles and which thrills to have muffins tossed into its lap. In some curiously oblique and glutinous way, this kind of theatre has become a secular substitute for church attendance.

Church or circus, both parts of this production are excruciatingly distended. In trying to persuade the Curdles to buy tickets for the Crummles's play, Nicholas hopefully explains "Well, there are a lot of people in it, and it is very long" – an arch interpolation from Mr Edgar's pen which appears to apologize in advance for the ham production of *Romeo and Juliet* in Portsmouth. The novel says "The Romeo was received with plaudits and unbounded favour" and that is that; this adaptation strings it out to a good 20 minutes' worth of gleeful mugging.

The RSC are very good at it, of course – perhaps at some future date they will treat us to a full production – and one can see how it is meant to contrast Kate's tribulations at the hands of the heartless money-men with the innocent exuberance of the moneyless heart-men. In this respect, the five-minute update at the beginning of Part 2 is a masterpiece of compression, economy and wit; elsewhere, the parcelling-out of Dickens's sub-Authorized Version rhetoric ("And there came one evening . . ." etc.) becomes mannered and tiresome.

Michael Siberry plays the title-role as a half-crouched, perpetually embarrassed and tentative light-comedy actor, John Lynch's Smike is fully crouched – an emaciated, twisted, shivering cripple who really does look as if he might have been drawn by "Phiz". The true stars of the company are Frances Cuka as the maternal windbag Mrs Nickleby and the prissy Miss Knag; Clive Wood as the bone-crushing John Browdie and the gravel-voiced bounder Sir Mulberry Hawk; and Jane Carr, who gives three remarkable impersonations of Fanny Squeers, Miss Snevelicci and Peg Sliderskew and a fourth, all too briefly, as a seagull.

● In my review of *The Gingerbread Man* I erroneously stated that David Wood had adapted his play from the children's books of Helen Nicholl and Jan Pienkowski. This should have referred to Mr Wood's *Meg and Mog Show: The Gingerbread Man* is his original work.

Martin Cropper

Television

Waiting for the windfall

People in Britain are now in serious danger of acquiring large lump sums of money by accident – or so it would seem from the junk mail interleaved with sensible publications or flung through the nation's letter-boxes. *Strike It Rich!* (BBC1) was a new Saturday evening drama serial about a disparate group of people about to inherit a six-figure sum each.

This good fortune was not achieved by provocative acts like subscribing to *Time* or applying for an American Express card, which deluge innocents with offers of £100,000 prize draws or his 'n' hers Mercedes cars. Instead they are inheritors of shares in a news agency somewhat like Reuters. The shares were worthless for years, but now the Bentley Agency is hot city news and a private investigator is touring the suburbs of Britain with good news for unsuspecting mortals.

The writer, Eric Paice, had set up some intriguing life scenarios to be catalyzed by the cash – a teacher about to leave her embittered husband for her married lover, an unemployed youth in love with motorbikes, an alcoholic antique dealer whose wife is pickled in scepticism, a spinster daughter about to be set free from her tyrannical invalid mother.

To thicken the plot, a suave city type, accompanied by a glossy Sloane girlfriend, is hot on the heels of the detective making bids on behalf of the company who want to take over the agency. It was a fascinating tale told competently, although a smidgeon of wit and a soupçon of style would have enlivened *things considerably* – the overall tone was of bread-and-butter BBC prime-time drama.

Strike It Rich! was totally without pretension, a virtue beyond the scope of *Video Alice* (Channel 4), a 90-minute documentary about the New York composer David Del Tredici and his sequence of pieces inspired by Lewis Carroll's Alice stories.

The director, Bryan Izzard, used some stimulating tricks to help the audience through staged discussion on topics such as "is the use of repetition proper in modern classical music?" or "is David's music really uptown-East-Coast-formal or downtown-West-Coast-laid-back?". However, the ludicrous posiness of the New York high culture set pervaded the programme and could not be overcome.

Celia Brayfield

Dance

SWRB

Sadler's Wells

After its London season ends on Saturday, Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet sets off for a tour of North America. The company has been there only once before, and that was 35 years ago, before most of its present members were born. Preparation for the visit must loom large in the schedules, but that has not in any way dimmed the brightness of the performances at Sadler's Wells during the past week.

Also, even the absence of several leading or up-and-coming dancers because of injury or illness has been seriously noticeable in only one of the ballets given, the bravura showpiece *Paquita*. In that, some of the solos had respectable but very pedestrian performances and one cannot be content with less than brilliance. We must hope that those on the sick list are back in time for the even more demanding *Sleeping Beauty* which (together with a triple bill starring David Bintley as dancer and choreographer) is announced for New York.

Luckily, the other classics chosen for the Sadler's Wells season are *Petrushka*, which suits this company's liveliness in character dancing, and *Coppelia*, which also has a good proportion of character roles and, besides, has long been favoured by the Royal Ballet as providing a good test for aspirants to ballerinadom.

Lili Griffiths, who danced her first Swanilda on Saturday afternoon, has stood out ever since she joined the company for the bright alertness of her dancing in even the tiniest roles. Given the chance to extend herself over three acts, each making different demands of personality and style, she met the challenge confidently, ably and with a smiling sweetness.

She was most successful, perhaps, in the second act, where her acting in response to Desmond Kelly's amiable, intelligent but unmistakably crazy Dr Coppelius was lively and clear, and she found an idiosyncratic manner for each of her set dances: convincingly doll-like for the waltz, brisk and crisp in the Scottish solo and engagingly mock-glamorous for the Spanish dance. However, that is not to say that she lacked spirit in the rest of the ballet, and she paced herself through it very well.

David Yow, also new to this ballet, partnered her as Franz, and the previous night Petter Jacobsson had made his début in that part opposite Marion Tait's familiar, assured Swanilda. Both young men partnered strongly, acted with careful clarity and danced their solos with zest, strength and enthusiasm, if not always complete control. Jacobsson, on this showing, is the more ebullient and bigger-scaled.

Both Jacobsson and another of the company's recent recruits, Vincent Hantam, successfully took the solitary male role in *Paquita*, partnering Galina Samsova and Marion Tait. Hantam was more impressive, however, in *Les Patineurs*, where he restores the sense of mischevious fun that has sometimes been lacking from the ballet lately, besides dancing with cheeky confidence.

Two other men followed David Bintley into the title part of *Petrushka* at successive performances. Alain Dubreuil seems to concentrate on the pathos: in that respect he is most convincing. Graham Lustig tries more for the rebellious spirit struggling against adverse fate, and he has much strengthened his playing of the role since he first took it. Provided that one avoids direct comparision with Bintley's overwhelming interpretation, both the others are acceptable accounts of a role made difficult by the legends attached to its first interpreter, Nijinsky.

Among the supporting casts in *Petrushka*, Russell Maliphant's playing of the Moor has a notable strength and resonance, and Karen Donovan attracted attention as one of the street dancers – as, indeed, she did by her conviction, style and finish in every part she played all week.

The programming this season interestingly replaces the frequent policy of trying to mix new and old by lumping the older works together and will present the company's four latest productions all on one bill tomorrow and Wednesday: highly recommended.

John Percival

Concert

Fearsome challenge well met

Leslie Howard
Wigmore Hall

Pianists usually make exceedingly heavy weather of Tchaikovsky's Grand Sonata in G. However confidently a pianist may set sail into its deep waters, after a few pages he is hindered by splashy chordal playing, waves of inaccurate passage-work, only to be drowned in a torrent of perspiration. Leslie Howard negotiated the piece with flying colours.

It is true that the first subject of the initial movement is overworked, but the skill with which Tchaikovsky was able to put down orchestral ideas into a nearly playable piano piece is truly extraordinary. Howard's vast hands allow him to do full justice to the chords, not merely snatch at them.

It is a fascinating piece in which to spot various episodes that are so similar to those in the symphonies. The only quarrel I have with Howard's conception is the rip-roaring pace that he took for the Scherzo, nearly identical to that of the finale, and therefore hardly an independent movement.

In the earlier part of the programme Howard seemed to want to assert his right to play the standard repertoire (his recitals, more often than not, contain works by such composers as Glazunov, Grainger and especially little-known Liszt). His Chopin *Andante spianato and grande polonaise brillante* contained some stunning finger-work, although humour was in short supply, the rather strict tempo becoming tiresomely constricting. The A flat Mazurka from the Op 59 set, on the other hand, had the type of rhythmic swagger that the other work needed.

I suppose that the first movement of Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata is as close as one gets to a prelude in the master's canon of piano sonatas, but I cannot help thinking that Howard used it solely to temper his exuberance in anticipation of the Tchaikovsky. The *Presto agitato* finale was notable for its closing page in which Howard amassed sonority upon sonority in a spectacular manner.

James Methuen-Campbell

Opera in London and Milan

Old glories take too long to return

The Mastersingers
Coliseum

I am not sure why, in under two years, the English National Opera's *Mastersingers* has lost so much of its lustre. The producer Elijah Moshinsky has made public his dissociation from the current revival, though that is probably to be construed as effect rather than cause. And the late change of conductor, Peter Robinson replacing Sir Charles Mackerras, can scarcely be blamed for a visual show that is flat, stale and crude, at least until the final scene, which suddenly swings back to the old glory.

As I remember them, the interiors of the first and last acts had in 1984 a Vermeer quality, full of glancing, bodied light, of objects and people held in an attentive repose, for which the designs by Timothy O'Brien and the lighting by Nick Chelton had to share responsibility. But the magic has not been recaptured, and the middle act is appallingly badly lit, giving the impression that the main features of the Nuremberg townscape are a skylon and an aerodrome control tower. Surely the vista was subtler last time, the crowd movement more alive and the triangular relationship of Sachs, Eva and Walther considerably less coarse.

Cast-changes alone cannot account for the difference, since we have the same Walther in Kenneth Woollam, and the new Sachs is not so very new at all: Norman Bailey returns to the role he last sang at the Coliseum a decade ago. He still shows quite enough stamina for the part, but it would be unfair to expect again his warm vocal sympathy with every aspect of the character. There is some loss of range and of colour, and to make up for that Mr Bailey is inclined sometimes almost to speak his intentions, as if the singing voice now gets in the way of his thoughts about the role. But this remains a generous, heartening portrayal, one of rounded humanity even when the surrounding production is at its most lifeless.

The others who stand out as full characters are Alan Opie's Beckmesser and Bonaventura Bottone's David. Mr Opie repeats an amusing impersonation of the town clerk as a humourless fusspot, a man who will always be the butt of others' laughter without having a clue why. He does well not to make his singing unduly caricatured. Meanwhile Mr Bottone's David is at the other extreme of likeability: a ready, bright-singing lad.

Apart from Mr Bottone and Mr Bailey, the principal newcomer to the cast is Kathryn Harries as Eva. She seems conscious that her height puts difficulties in the way of her appearing properly demure, as does the harsh quality that comes over her voice under pressure. But she has techniques for dealing with both problems, and this is an intelligent performance that may blossom when it can seem less careful.

The new Magdalene is Anne-Marie Owens, who appears a cheerful soul, and there are several new faces among the Mastersingers, though Sean Rea repeats his orotund Pogner. My only regret is that I heard so few of his words, though generally diction is not good in this revival, nor is it helped by a haphazardly controlled reading of the score under Mr Robinson. The overture on Saturday night was a very shaky invitation, and, though he and the orchestra got more used to one another, there was a lack of authority in the pit as disappointing as that on stage.

Paul Griffiths

Clive Barda



Norman Bailey's generous, heartening Sachs

Aida
La Scala

After an absence of 10 years *Aida* has returned to La Scala – but not, alas, in triumph. Luca Ronconi's production, draped by Mauro Pagano in décor of monumental fussiness and silliness, lumbers through on the merit of an international cast for whom the staging represents one further excuse to drop all dramatic verisimilitude.

Ronconi has not had much luck in Milan in recent years. *Donnerstag*, *Les Troyens* and *Ernani* all had their problems, for which he was not entirely responsible. Nor can any stage director be expected to relish La Scala's legendary backstage chaos, the noise from which, filtering through to the auditorium during the arias, has reached quite unacceptable proportions. For *Aida's* obese and mechanical appearance, however, the production team had only themselves to blame.

The spaciousness of the opening scene, its backdrop of mountain ridge and setting sun providing a picturesque frame for "Ritorna vincitor", does not last long; the staging quickly degenerates into a cranking up and down of monolithic edifices, several of which look like poor pseudo-Egyptian cousins of Milan's central station. The temple of Vulcan, for example, is a giant outdoor pagan altar, the erection of which is so complex that it starts to disappear almost as soon as it has swung awkwardly into view. The Act II victory celebrations seem to be an interruption to a thriving sphinx haulage business. An overlarge budget no doubt contributed to the excess: Ronconi would have been far better sticking with a single skyward-looking pharaoh, which in its brief appearance was an impressive symbol of majesty and dominion.

At least he took care to keep the chorus separate from the queues of non-singing extras – the choral contributions were among the production's more positive features. So too was Luciano Pavarotti's Radames. The stage bearing may have undergone little refinement over the years; but this production required him to sing and not act, and there can be no doubt that Pavarotti delivered all that was expected of him. The voice is in splendid condition, and it has filled out into this particular role surprisingly well.

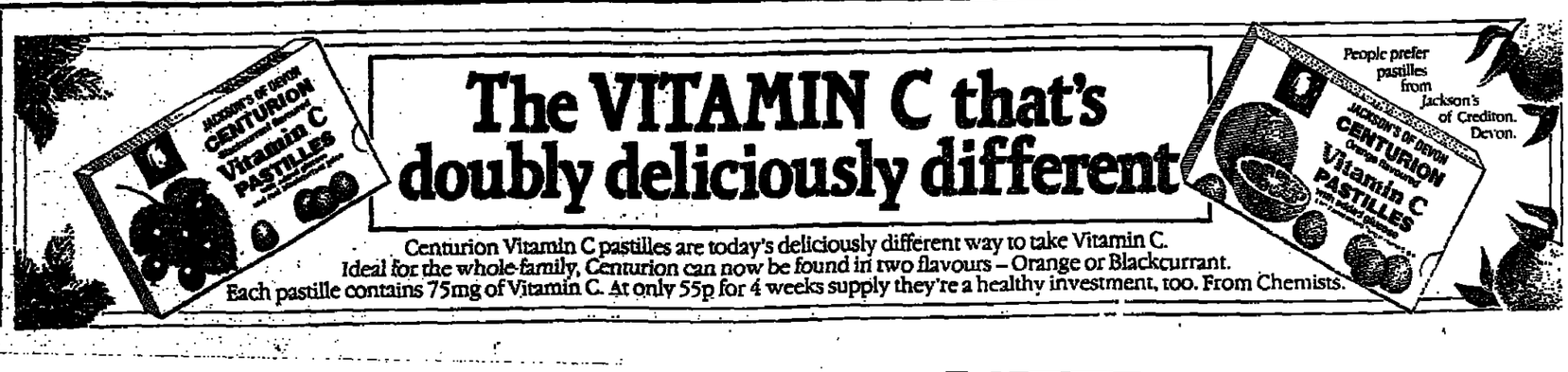


Ghena Dimitrova, giving Milan her best

Apart from Paata Burchuladze's King and Nicolai Ghiaurov's High Priest – a welcome juxtaposition of the most promising and the most accomplished of Verdi basses – the production enjoys another outstanding performance from Ghena Dimitrova, whose Amneris reveals a chest register to match the clarion size and breadth of her top. Milan certainly seems to see and hear the best in Mme Dimitrova: the vocal and dramatic sparring of the Act IV duet suggested Radames would have made a far better match with this Amneris than with the Aida of Maria Chiara, whose exaggerated semaphore language made the Bulgarian soprano look quite sophisticated. Perhaps Mme Chiara thought she was still in Verona. She does not have an ugly voice, but neither is it especially beautiful. Her *fil di voce* ending to "Numi, pietà" was nonetheless impressive. The Amonasro was Juan Pons, not the best casting for a role requiring a cutting edge.

Lorin Maazel, currently monopolizing the first three productions of the season in Milan, drew clean and efficient orchestral playing, especially effective in Verdi's atmospheric scoring of the Nile scene, but continuing at a speed that muted its emotional and dramatic impact. Like the tortured love triangle on stage, the performance in the pit lacked a distinctive personality.

Andrew Clark



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1700m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	107⅞	●-⅛	10.817	10.673
1250m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	125⅛	-⅛	11.022	10.677
1000m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	61⅞	-⅛	9.248	9.809
600m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	78⅛	●-⅛	9.758	9.956
1000m	Exch 12% 2013-17	116⅞	-⅛	10.351	10.228
UNDATED					
1907m	War Ln 3½%	35⅜	●-1⅛	10.029	..
350m	Consols 4%	39⅜	..	10.096	..
158m	Conv 3½%	47⅞	..	7.323	..
55m	Treas 3%	35⅜	..	8.855	..
276m	Consols 2½%	26⅜	..	9.564	..
475m	Treas 2½%	26⅜	..	9.565	..
INDEX-LINKED				(a)	(b)
1300m	Treas IL 2% 1988	116	-⅛	2.255	3.823
500m	Treas IL 2% 1990	102⅛	●-⅛	4.518	3.349
1000m	Treas IL 2% 1996	111⅛	-⅛	4.302	4.542
750m	Treas IL 2½% 2001	97⅛	-⅛	4.127	4.322
600m	Treas IL 2½% 2003	96⅛	-⅛	4.131	3.848
1000m	Treas IL 2½% 2006	98⅛	●-⅛	3.872	3.718
750m	Treas IL 2½% 2009	95⅛	-⅛	3.807	3.653
1000m	Treas IL 2½% 2011	100⅞	-⅛	3.750	3.614
800m	Treas IL 2½% 2013	83⅛	-⅛	3.727	3.590
1100m	Treas IL 2½% 2016	83⅛	●-⅛	3.694	3.525
1000m	Treas IL 2½% 2020	79⅛	-⅛	3.601	3.486

Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%.

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
1,858.8m	Allied-Lyons	273	●+6	11.6	4.3	16.1
2,203.5m	Bass	675	●+30	21.0	3.1	14.2
10.1m	Belhaven	39	●+2	1.1	2.8	21.6
81.5m	Boddingtons	90	+4	4.2	4.7	13.0
93.9m	Brown (Matthew)	415	●-5	20.0b	4.8	15.3
78.8m	Bulmer (H P)	152	●-3	7.0	4.6	12.3
22.4m	Burtonwood Brew	430	●+5	14.3	3.3	13.1
32.9m	Clark (Matthew)	415	+10	13.0	2.4	16.8
24.2m	Devenish (J A)	350	● ..	13.5	2.9	18.1
1,801.5m	Distillers	438	●-4	22.9	4.8	13.7
222.2m	Greenall Whitley	180	●-4	7.3	3.9	12.5
73.2m	Greene King	190	+2	7.2	3.8	13.5
1,033.4m	Guinness	321	+14	10.3b	3.2	13.8
16.7m	Hardys & Hansons	417	..	24.1	5.8	13.8
22.4m	Highland Dist	75	●+1	2.8	3.8	15.2
37.3m	Invergordon Dist	183	-1	8.1	3.7	11.9
40.2m	Irish Dist	175	●+2	6.0	3.4	..
72.0m	Marston Thompson	83	● ..	2.9	3.5	14.3
17.5m	Morland	219	● ..	8.1	4.2	12.1
408.5m	SA Breweries	155	●+4	..	..	..
500.1m	Scot & New	170	●+4	10.0b	5.9	11.8
3,049.8m	Seagram	£32¼	-¼	41.1	1.3	..
138.4m	Vaux	360	●+12	15.8	4.4	13.9
951.0m	Whitbread 'A'	254	●+4	10.2	4.0	12.9
42.3m	Do 'B'	255	●+5	10.2	4.0	13.0
123.6m	Whitbread Inv	196	● ..	9.9	5.1	28.9
134.0m	Wolverhampton & D	415	●+6	12.2	2.3	15.2
6,528,000	Young 'A'	225	● ..	9.4	4.2	18.0

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
325.3m	Allied Irish	200	+5	9.0	4.5	..
87.4m	Ansbacher (Henry)	69	+2	..	..	41.8
734.2m	Aus New Z	210	●+2	15.0	7.1	..
1,553.7m	Bankamerica	£10⅞	●+¼			
151.2m	Bank Of Ireland	385	..	17.0	4.7	..
366.6m	Bank Leumi Israel	2½	-1			
11.3m	Bank Leumi UK	230	-30	15.0	6.5	13.2
485.4m	Bank Of Scotland	382	-2	18.0b	4.8	9.5
3,238.5m	Barclays	472	-2	24.0	5.1	8.8
81.3m	Brown Shipley	420	● ..	13.2	3.1	18.1
40.8m	Cater Allen	436	● ..	41.3	9.4	10.6
19.8m	Cattles	37	+1½	2.3	6.3	12.6
1,833.0m	Chase Manhattan	£30	●+1⅞	386	..	..
4,725.0m	Citicorp	£34	●+1½	208	6.1	..
8,160,000	Clive	34	●-1	1.3	3.7	6.2
11.2m	Com Bank Wales	47	-1	3.0	6.5	10.2
1,750.1m	Commerzbank	£102½	+10½		6.0	..
7,532.2m	Deutsche Bank	£258½	+3½	1200	4.6	..
212.8m	First Nat Finance	170	+10	..	..	12.0
64.5m	Gerrard Nat	277	+10	18.9	6.8	16.1
175.5m	Guinness Peat	72	●+2	2.7	3.6	12.2
163.8m	Hambros	181	●+1	9.8	5.3	16.2
42.0m	Do (50p)	121	● ..	25.7	4.6	17.6
301.4m	Hill Samuel	335	+2	17.0	5.1	8.8
2,217.0m	HK Shanghai	70½	●+3½	b		
8,883,000	Joseph (Leopold)	330	●+60	17.4	5.2	17.6
13.0m	King & Shaxson	144	●-2	11.8	8.2	17.3
338.1m	Kleinwort Benson	570	..	21.4b	3.8	16.5
1,705.7m	Lloyds	482	-2	29.8	5.6	7.4
10.1m	Manson	35	+1	2.1	6.1	13.4
313.8m	Mercury Secs	718	+20	22.9	3.2	11.2
1,819.8m	Midland	442	-2	36.4	8.2	7.3
704.3m	Nat Aust Bk	216	+4			
2,497.3m	Nat West	692	+8	37.6	5.4	5.9
40.0m	Ottoman	£80	..	550	6.9	17.2
129.8m	Provident	316	+4	15.7	5.0	13.3
17.0m	Rea Bros	93	● ..	1.8	2.8	18.7
401.0m	Rothschild (J) Hld	104	●+2	6.5	6.3	12.4
1,811.5m	Royal Bnk Of Can	£18½	-¼			
751.5m	Royal Bnk Of Scot	265	●-1	13.7	5.2	7.7
188.4m	Schroders	£12⅝	+⅝	28.4	2.2	17.0
7,992,000	Smith St Aubyn	37	-1	1.0	2.8	3.4
684.3m	Stand Chart	427	-3	42.1	9.9	6.6
79.1m	Union	633	●+10	52.9	8.4	8.2
29.8m	Wagon	125	+4	5.0	4.0	16.8
523.7m	Wells Fargo	£43⅞	-1⅛			
19.4m	Wintrust	230	..	8.9	3.8	14.8

BUILDING AND ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
38.7m	Aberdeen Constr	222	..	10.5	4.7	13.9
143.7m	Amec	223	-1	15.7	7.0	8.8
2,800,000	Amcliffe	56	..	0.1e	0.3	8.6
44.4m	Atwoods	125	●+4	5.7	4.6	11.5
697.8m	BPB Industries	366	●+6	11.8	3.2	14.8
11.5m	Baggeridge Brick	288	●-8	9.6	3.4	10.3
234.6m	Barratt Devs	132	+6	10.9	8.3	..
1,202,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	23	..	0.4	1.8	4.8
22.1m	Bellway	129	● ..	10.0	7.8	14.4
14.9m	Benford Concrete	67	+5	5.4	8.0	35.3
11.0m	Bett Bros	73	+2	4.4	6.1	10.9
15.3m	Blockleys	880	..	32.9	3.7	12.7
745.1m	Blue Circle	581	+6	28.5	4.9	8.0
14.5m	Breedon & Cloud Hill	238	+2	13.6	5.7	28.7
12.3m	Brickhouse Dudley	79	●+5	4.9	6.2	13.4
10.7m	Br Dredging	62	+1	3.6	5.8	13.8
3,200,000	Brown & Jackson	16	+2	..	..	11.0
8,407,000	Brownlee	59	●+4	4.4	7.5	8.6
70.4m	Bryant	86	+1	4.7	8.4	11.1
	Burnett & Hallam		ƒ ..	6.7		
1,125,000	Cakebread Robey	160	● ..	4.4	3.0	25.0
133.3m	Cement-Roadstone	87½	●+1½	3.0	3.4	
5,274,000	Conder Grp	64	..	2.1	3.3	28.5
332.2m	Costain	478	..	22.1	4.6	10.1
28.1m	Countryside	312	ƒ ..	8.2n	2.6	8.5
16.0m	Crouch (Derek)	128	+4	7.9	6.2	28.0
8,320,000	Dew (George)	104	..	8.1	7.8	8.2
11.4m	Douglas (RM)	75	+2	2.5	3.3	13.3
12.4m	Erith	64	● ..	4.4	6.9	10.3
1,438,000	Feb	83	-5	4.2	5.0	11.3
3,064,000	Do 'A'	60	+2	4.2	6.9	8.2
6,399,000	Finlan Gp	68				
135.0m	French Kier	268	+2	9.9	3.7	13.9
23.1m	Galliford	83	+2	6.5	7.8	13.5
1,914,000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	110	..	2.3	2.1	37.3
28.2m	Gleeson (MJ)	292	●-2	7.7	2.6	9.1
77.5m	HAT	101	-1	5.4	5.4	10.5
1,770,000	Helical Bar	59	-2	..	..	12.0
38.8m	Hewden-Stuart	44	●+2	2.3	5.1	8.9
31.8m	Heywood Williams	151	●-1	8.9	5.9	8.8
48.9m	Higgs & Hill	436	..	18.3	4.2	11.8
87.1m	Ibstock Johnsen	140	-2	6.1	4.3	10.7
2,935,000	Jarvis (J) & Sons	290	+27	25.0	8.6	10.0
90.5m	Laing (J)	327	+1	8.9	2.7	10.4
84.2m	Do 'A'	319	-1	8.9	2.8	10.2
15.3m	Lawrence (Walter)	79	●+1	4.9	6.2	5.8
61.7m	Lilley (FJC)	77	●+2	5.3	6.9	11.7
65.5m	Lovell (YJ)	294	-2	10.0	3.4	10.8
250.0m	Magnet & South	138	..	6.7	4.9	14.3
27.1m	Mandars	184	●-1	10.9	5.9	11.6
64.7m	Marshalls (Halifax)	168	-2	7.1	4.3	12.4
9,232,000	May & Hassell	99	..	5.4e	5.4	..
109.9m	McAlpine (Alfred)	310	..	16.1	5.2	10.5
184.1m	Meyer Int	191	●+7	7.7	4.0	10.5
1,620,000	Miller (Stanley)	27	●+1	0.7	2.6	..
11.9m	Monk (A)	110	●+3	9.3	8.4	14.8
82.7m	Mowlem (John)	324	+2	19.6	6.1	21.8
32.0m	Newarthill	830	+10	15.7	1.9	15.3
18.1m	Nottingham Brick	168	●+5	9.3	5.5	12.2
14.8m	Persimmon	118	-2	6.8	5.8	8.8
3,295,000	Phoenix Timber	110	+6	4.3	3.9	4.1
2,995,000	Pochins	288	●+3	18.4	6.4	6.4
439.6m	RMC	462	-10	18.9	4.1	10.3
745.2m	Redland	347	●+6	15.5	4.6	12.8
7,584,000	Roberts Adlard	158	● ..	8.6	5.4	13.3
27.5m	Ruberoid	191	+3	11.1	5.8	10.1
201.1m	Rugby Cement	141	●+3½	8.5b	6.3	10.4
108.4m	SGB	246	-2	14.3b	5.8	9.4
18.8m	Sharpe & Fisher	94	..	3.2	3.4	14.7
7,258,000	Smart (J)	72	● ..	6.2	8.6	15.3
1,182.0m	Tarmac	382	+6	11.7	3.1	15.9
353.3m	Taylor Woodrow	563	+13	21.4	4.3	13.4
27.3m	Tilbury Group	144	-4	7.0	4.9	12.4
57.8m	Travis & Arnold	332	..	11.3e	3.4	11.9
6,050,000	Trent	88	-1	1.5	1.7	10.8
7,487,000	Turriff	170	+10	10.0	5.9	31.3
11.9m	Vibroplant	198	+10	12.9	6.5	8.7
33.1m	Ward	252	+12	9.6	3.8	13.0
1,743,000	Warrington (T)	58	..	5.7e	9.8	6.8
35.4m	Watts Blake	178	● ..	8.0	3.4	14.3
1,142,000	Wettern Bros	68	-1	1.4e	2.1	13.6
4,613,000	Wiggins	46	+1			
141.8m	Wilson (Connolly)	324	..	4.5	1.4	15.9
352.0m	Wimpey (George)	125	●+6	4.6	3.7	11.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
1,488.6m	AKZO N/V Bearer	£37½	+2⅛	400	10.8	..
217.7m	Allied Colloids	173	..	3.3	1.9	18.1
148.8m	Amersham	293	●+5	8.8	3.0	14.3
7,889,000	Anchor Chemical	190	● ..	6.1	3.2	7.0
42.8m	BTP	108	● ..			
4,065.6m	Bayer DM50	£84	+6	700	8.3	..
32.8m	Blagden	112	..	10.3	9.2	8.4
87.7m	Brent Chems	114	●-1	5.1	4.5	15.1
13.0m	Br Benzol	58	-2	..	..	64.4
14.6m	Canning (W)	86	+1	5.1	5.9	12.7
226.2m	Coalite	263	..	9.5	3.6	13.7
25.0m	Coates Bros	146	●+2	6.6	4.5	8.6
27.3m	Do 'A'	117	●+1	6.6	5.6	7.1
2,852,000	Cory (Horace)	15½	..	0.7	4.5	5.2
156.1m	Croda	135	+6	10.0	7.4	14.0
10.9m	Do Dfd	103	+3	..	..	10.7
28.8m	Ellis & Everard	176	+3	8.4	4.8	15.4
177.1m	Fosoco-Minsep	218	●+3	11.8	5.5	8.5
18.7m	Halstead (James)	132	+7	5.7	4.3	10.2
63.8m	Hickson	330	-3	21.4	6.5	7.5
4,232.6m	Hoechst DM50	£87½	+7½			
4,936.1m	Imp Chem Ind	781	+14	44.3	5.8	7.6
475.4m	Laporte	349	+5	10.5	3.0	17.6
16.0m	Leigh	103	●+1	4.7	4.6	16.3
44.8m	Plysu	186	●+1	3.3	1.8	19.2
5,475,000	Reabrook Hldgs.	73	●-1	3.0	4.1	15.0
283.1m	Rentokil	137	..	3.2	2.3	16.8
346.7m	SNIA BPD	225	+3			
73.2m	Wolstenholme Rink	213	..	11.1	5.2	9.9
9,883,000	Yorkshire Chem	72	-2	2.5e	3.5	12.0

CINEMAS AND TV

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
24.7m	Anglia TV 'A'	183	..	11.4	6.2	13.1
3,758,000	Grampian	29	●-1	2.4	8.2	8.6
38.4m	HTV N/V	178	●+2	11.0	6.2	8.1
44.9m	LWT Hldgs	283	● ..	20.8	7.3	10.6
16.0m	Scot TV 'A'	188	● ..	12.7	6.8	7.8
37.2m	TVS N/V	159	● ..	8.8	5.6	8.8
6,897,000	TSW	31	● ..	2.4	7.8	8.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
11.8m	Aquascutum 'A'	70½	● ..	3.3	4.7	28.6
37.8m	Beattie (James) 'A'	84	+2	3.0	3.6	13.6
85.7m	Bentalls	158	+4	3.1	1.9	32.1
7,790,000	Blacks Leis	14				
4,972,000	Bremner	55	-1	1.4	2.6	41.6
690.9m	Br Home Stores	338	+2	11.0b	3.3	18.5
83.4m	Brown (N)	535	● ..	13.9	2.6	28.3
1,537.9m	Burton	553	●+8	12.6	2.3	13.1
2,100,000	Caird (A) & Sons	42	●-1			
5,458,000	Cantors 'A'	94	..	2.9	3.3	24.2
4,886,000	Casket (S)	46	● ..	3.1	6.8	8.9
32.4m	Church	310	..	20.7	6.7	10.4
89.2m	Combined English	168	+1	7.7	4.7	23.0
23.4m	Courts (Furn) 'A'	126	+2	6.7	5.4	12.2
51.5m	Dewhirst (IJ)	65	..	1.4	1.6	20.1
822.5m	Dixons Grp	309	+15	8.5	3.9	23.4
151.8m	Dunhill	397	● ..	6.1	1.7	18.2
23.1m	Ellis & Goldstein	80	●+2	3.3	4.1	10.9
7,593,000	Elys (Wimbledon)	650	● ..	12.9	2.0	31.5
57.9m	Empire Stores	154	+2	3.6	2.3	28.3
12.5m	Esam	218	●+18	4.6	2.1	31.3
873,900	Executex Clothes	41	+2	..	..	7.8
78.1m	Fine Art Dev	116	●+3	4.7	4.1	20.7
9,375,900	Ford (Martin)	69	..	0.1	0.1	..
6,437,000	Formminster	125	..	5.6	4.7	9.5
337.7m	Freemans	354	+13	8.3	2.3	20.7
6,125,000	Gelfer (AJ)	98	..	7.4	7.6	9.8
25.3m	Gent SR	70	-4	2.9	4.1	42.2
17.1m	Goldberg (A)	100	+7	2.1	2.1	74.6
16.8m	Goldsmiths Gp	174	●-2	10.7	6.2	12.3
160.7m	Gratton	354	●+4	5.7	1.6	22.1
51.7m	GUS	950	..	26.8	2.8	15.5
2,002.4m	Do 'A'	817	+5	26.8	3.3	13.3
554.6m	Habitat Mothercare	488	●+32	15.8b	3.3	22.9
343.8m	Harris Queensway	236	●+12	5.9	2.5	21.8
8,413,000	Helene Of London	27½	●+¼	2.3e	8.4	8.9
304.1m	Hepworth (J)	218	●+3	5.4	2.5	25.1
7,499,000	Hollas	29	+1	2.9	9.9	12.1
124.5m	Home Charm	286	..	4.2	1.5	20.9
5,980,000	House Of Lerose	105	+5	11.4	10.9	9.9
8,000,000	Jones (Ernest)	80	+2	5.6	7.0	17.2
2,889,000	Ladies Pride	34	●-3	2.1	6.3	25.2
99.4m	LCP	118	●+2	6.0	5.2	19.8
21.4m	Lee Cooper	138	●+5	5.3	3.8	6.5
38.2m	Liberty	810	..	10.0	1.2	37.8
7,398,000	Lincroft Kilgour	175	●+2	8.6	4.9	13.8
4,856.0m	Marks & Spencer	176	●+5	5.1	2.9	23.3
178.3m	Menzies (John)	321	●+1	5.1	1.6	18.8
10.1m	Milletts Leisure	195	●-10	2.3	1.5	52.3
17.8m	Moss Bros	585	..	7.4	1.3	42.3
36.6m	NSS Newsagents	122	●+6	5.1	4.2	14.8
8,002,000	Owen (G)	353	+3	11.7	3.3	26.7
38.9m	Our Price	685	-15	7.1	1.3	35.7
44.5m	Owen Owen	458	● ..	5.4	1.2	38.6
2,045,000	Peters Stores	64	..	1.4	2.2	30.8
10.0m	Preedy (Alfred)	110	●+8	5.5	5.0	19.5
41.1m	Ratners (Jewellers)	125	+1	3.6	2.9	28.7
12.6m	Raybeck	34½	+3	1.1	3.1	..
25.4m	Readicut	33	●+¼	2.3b	6.9	8.6
5,852,000	Reed (Austin)	225	● ..	7.1	3.2	23.7
3.2m	Do 'A'	156	●+2	7.1	4.6	17.9
3,108,000	S & U Stores	36	..	..	..	29.8
11.8m	Samuel (H)	173	+2	8.0	3.4	44.4
66.6m	Do 'A'	81	●+8	6.0	7.4	22.8
1,675.0m	Sears	113	●+8	4.4	3.9	14.9
15.8m	Simpson (S) 'A'	315	● ..	8.2	2.6	12.2
414.7m	Smith (WH) 'A'	282	+10	7.1	3.6	19.3
78.0m	Do 'B'	56	-2	1.4	3.6	19.2
17.3m	Stanley (AG)	68	+1	3.8	5.3	19.3
18.6m	Stembeng	95	●-2	3.5	3.7	13.7
660,000	Sumrie Clothes	38	+2	..	..	..
155.2m	Superdrug Stores	443	..	6.2	1.5	21.7
1,147,000	Terry-Consulate	43	-1	2.8e	5.8	10.8
30.0m	Time Products	65½	● ..	2.5	4.1	12.6
53.0m	Underwoods	185	+6			
452.9m	Vantona Viyella	144	+4	16.4	3.7	11.0
4,347,000	WW Group	176	..	11.3	6.4	6.8
251.1m	Ward White	278	..	8.6	3.1	18.1
5,285,000	Wigfalls	115	+3	3.8	3.1	..
880.0m	Woolworth	543	+28	12.9	2.4	23.3

ELECTRICALS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
42.0m	AB Elect	208	●+23	11.4	5.5	15.6
215.9m	Amstrad	186	+10	1.3	0.7	15.0
35.7m	Apricot Computers	69	-3	2.1	3.1	5.4
4,686,300	Arlen	74	+14			
113.5m	Atlantic Comp	215	+5	2.4	1.1	12.8
1,442,000	Audio Fidelity	93	..	..	..	18.8
103.4m	Auto Sec	158	●+7	1.9	1.2	11.7
481.3m	BICC	258	+8	15.1	8.3	10.5
109.8m	BSR	65	+6	2.4b	3.6	4.4
174.0m	Bowthorpe	382	●-5	8.2	2.1	18.0
11,640.8m	Br Telecom 90p P	194	●+5	9.9	5.1	13.8
62.1m	Brown Boveri Kent	80	● ..	3.6	4.5	10.9
3,120,000	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12	+1	1.9	16.1	27.9
91.5m	CASE	144	●+7	1.9	1.3	12.1
3,831.3m	Cable & Wireless	586	..	13.8b	2.3	19.8
91.0m	Cambridge Elec	243	+3	10.2	4.2	11.2
42.1m	CAP Gp	193	..			
48.6m	Chloride	38	+2	..	..	8.9
28.0m	Do 7½% CPF	155	-7			
38.1m	Comcap	205	..	1.7	0.8	15.9
72.2m	Cray Elect	278	+5	4.2	1.5	30.1
38.6m	Crystalate	153	●+8	6.1	4.0	9.3
9,025,000	Dale Elect	88	+1	8.4	9.5	23.7
39.3m	Dataserv	180	+2	1.0	0.6	..
1,116,000	Dewhurst 'A'	31	● ..	1.2	3.9	14.9
34.4m	Domino	262	+2	2.5	1.0	30.5
30.4m	Dowding & Mills	46	+1	2.0	4.3	14.7
62.4m	Dubilier	190	●-10	4.0	2.1	13.9
397.5m	Electrocomponents	390	●+12	7.9	2.0	24.2
1,175,000	Electronic Mach	46	-12	1.0b	2.1	33.8
134.8m	Electronic Rentals	47	-1	4.6b	9.8	18.5
37.8m	Emess Lighting	251	+4	7.9	3.1	28.4
87.3m	Eurotherm	323	+28	6.1	1.9	21.2
262.2m	Farnell Elect	209	-2	2.9	1.4	24.0
637.8m	Ferranti	148	●+4	2.3	1.5	30.4
41.4m	First Castle Elec	158	+8	3.1	2.0	15.4
4,430,000	Forward Tech	28	..	..	..	13.1
4,746.0m	GEC	178	+12	5.8	3.3	12.1
6,170,000	Grosvenor	90	● ..	8.2	6.3	8.3
6,227,000	Highland Elect	94	● ..	3.8	3.8	12.0
104.0m	IBL	145	..	1.7	1.2	18.1
474.8m	Int Signal & Control	348	●+10	1.0	0.3	..
18.5m	Jones Stroud	200	+2	10.0	5.0	9.4
5,833,000	Kode	105	●-5	7.1	6.8	9.0
15.3m	Lec Refrigeration	253	+30	17.8	7.1	7.0
45.2m	Logica	128	..	1.4	1.1	14.0
103.8m	MK Elect	286	●+13	14.6	5.1	9.4
102.1m	Mentec	380	+5	3.6	1.0	36.5
22.1m	Micro BS	62	●-12	2.5	4.0	9.8
20.2m	Micro Focus	165	+25			
7,200,000	Muirhead Elec	48	-3	4.0	8.3	36.1
18.3m	Murray Elect	87	..	0.1	0.2	..
42.9m	Newman	34	+2	1.1	3.4	9.9
8,388,300	Newmark (Louis)	283	+18	18.5	6.6	12.9
184.3m	NEI	84	●+1	7.5	8.9	14.1
12.4m	Oceonics	40	+11	1.1	2.7	8.1
178.5m	Oxford Instruments	401	+3	2.0	0.5	21.6
6,843,000	Pericom	51	..	1.5e	3.1	16.7
14.3m	Pifcom	25	● ..	1.5	6.3	8.9
19.8m	Philips Fin 5¼%	£150	+3	576	3.8	..
3,399.5m	Philips Lamps N/V	£15⅝	+1⅛			
4,307,000	Pifco	153	●+23	7.5	3.9	10.5
3,715,000	Do 'A' Ltd Votng	180	●+22	7.5	4.7	8.7
1,283.0m	Plessey	174	..	6.3	3.6	13.9
13,363.6m	Do ADR 25	£18⅛	-⅛			
9,443,000	Prestec	118	●+10	3.1	2.7	17.2
3,441,000	Quest Automation	23	..	..	..	11.0
981.8m	Racal Elect	172	+14	4.3	2.5	11.0
17.9m	Rotaflex	183	..	6.7	4.1	10.1
28.9m	Scholes (GH)	450	● ..	28.6	6.3	10.1
18.0m	Sherrock	75	+3	2.1	2.9	16.1
48.0m	Sound Diffusion	34½	+½	0.6	1.7	8.7
584.2m	STC	107	+13	..	..	5.4
57.1m	Stone Int	185	+8	6.5	3.9	10.3
97.3m	System Designers	86	● ..	0.6	0.7	31.6
1,868.5m	TDK	£15½				
150.1m	Telephone Rentals	183	●+7	10.0	5.5	13.3
910.9m	Thorn EMI	424	+25	25.0	5.9	15.2
5,526,000	Thorpe (FW)	180	..	5.6	3.1	8.9
38.5m	Tunstall Telecom	230	● ..	2.4	1.0	16.0
115.6m	UEI	218	+14	7.5	3.4	19.5
112.1m	Unitech	243	+3	8.1	3.3	13.0
38.0m	Utd Leasing	263	●+2	5.3	2.0	8.5
96.0m	Utd Scientific	178	●+7	8.1	4.6	15.2
160.5m	VG Instruments	320	-8	2.7	0.8	27.7
34.9m	Volex	231	●+3	11.4	4.9	9.6
5,947,000	Western Selection	60	●+1	3.9	6.4	12.6
3,881,000	Whitworth Elec	98	+2	2.2	2.2	15.0
34.9m	Wholesale Fitting	250	..	9.6	3.8	12.8

FINANCE AND LAND

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
47.1m	Abingworth	232	+4	1.8	0.8	..
78.1m	Aitken Hume	173	●-4	11.0	6.4	7.3
19.2m	Antofagasta	300	●+1	20.0	6.7	4.8
	Berkley Tech	113	+5	..	b	
52.0m	Camellia	£20½	..	15.7	0.8	..
15.2m	Candover	213	+3	2.8	1.3	63.2
688,000	Centreway	18	-2			
4,196,000	Equity & Gen	16	●+½	1.3	7.2	8.1
25.7m	Hambro	185	●+2	10.0	5.7	27.9
41.6m	Ivory & Sime	170	● ..	8.1	3.8	23.7
43.5m	Mayes	154	● ..	8.9	5.8	22.1
21.5m	Nat Home Loans	43	-6			
21.0m	Do 8%	£42	-4	800	19.0	..

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FOODS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
1,628.0m	ASDA-MFI	144	+2	3.9	2.7	18.4
2,417,000	Alpine Drinks	22½	● ..	2.6	10.9	..
700.6m	Argyll	350	●+15	9.7	2.8	21.4
1,044.5m	AB Food	282	+4	8.0	3.1	12.5
20.2m	Assoc Fisheries	175	..	3.9	3.4	17.1
206.8m	Avana	592	+18	16.6	2.8	18.1
7,836,000	Banks (Sidney C)	240	● ..	14.3	6.0	7.1
14.5m	Barr (AG)	230	..	10.7	4.7	7.7
22.7m	Bassett Foods	166	●+11	9.7	5.8	9.6
14.8m	Batleys	133	..	3.0	2.9	12.2
214.6m	Bejam	172	●+9	5.4	3.1	20.8
2,727,000	Bluebird Conf	75	..	7.4	9.3	21.3
6,074,000	Br Vending (BVI)	57	+2	1.7	3.0	15.0
823.7m	Cadbury-Schwepp	158	+2	8.4	5.3	10.8
13.5m	Carrs Milling	185	●+5	8.6	5.2	9.1
2,800,000	Clifford's Dairies	151	..	9.6	6.0	12.0
15.7m	Do 'A'	151	-2	9.6	6.3	11.3
28.8m	Cullens	273				
1,233.1m	Dee	323	+13	9.7	3.6	25.1
88.9m	Fisher (Albert)	165	●+14	3.2	1.9	22.3
188.1m	Fitch Lovell	259	+13	13.9	5.4	19.8
32.0m	Glass Glover	248	+15	4.3b	2.0	20.9
174.5m	Hazlewood Foods	813	●+30	11.4b	1.4	28.3
104.3m	Hillards	258	+7	4.1	2.0	18.3
373.0m	Hillsdown Hldgs	195	+7	5.3	2.7	22.5
3,734,000	Home Farm	80	..	4.6	5.8	8.3
78.8m	Iceland Frozen	549	-3	8.6	1.6	27.5
358.4m	Kwik Save	238	●+8	6.9	2.9	17.5
1,760,000	Lees (John J)	69	..	2.1	2.4	12.9
920,000	Lovell (GF)	55	● ..	4.3	7.8	33.9
77.2m	Low (Wm)	591	..	17.1	2.9	18.7
87.7m	Matthews (Bernard)	350	●-10	11.1	2.0	26.0
2,649,000	Meat Trade Supp	131	●+10	7.6	7.4	15.3
133.8m	Morrison (W)	168	●+2	1.7	1.0	25.0
3,227,000	[illegible]	183	..	4.4	3.1	12.2
43.4m	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	225	..	7.9	3.3	18.6
28.0m	Normans	71½	+3	2.6	3.6	15.8
808.2m	Nthn Foods	298	+2	10.4	3.6	15.4
119.8m	Nurdin & Peacock	180	+8	5.2	3.3	15.1
14.1m	Park Foods	137	..	5.1	3.8	13.9
491.9m	RHM	173	●+8	7.6	4.4	11.0
891.8m	Rowntree Mac	408	●+6	16.3	4.0	11.8
2,823.5m	Sainsbury (J)	374	●+2	8.8	1.8	24.5
353.9m	Salvesen (Chstn)	132	●+5	4.1	3.1	17.4
4,368,000	Somportex	158	+1	..	..	99.9
377.7m	Tate & Lyle	548	●-15	31.4	5.7	9.9
1,225.4m	Tesco	238	●+18	7.4	2.5	20.9
500.8m	Unigate	227	+10	12.4	5.4	18.1
358.8m	Utd Biscuits	238	●+2	10.9	4.6	13.0
14.1m	Watson & Philip	147	+1	8.3	5.6	17.3

HOTELS AND CATERERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
3,176.4m	Grand Met	411	+13	14.3	3.5	11.7
32.7m	Kennedy Brookes	210	+3	1.7	0.8	12.4
664.2m	Ladbroke	323	+2	15.0	4.7	19.5
17.2m	Lon Park Hotels	430	● ..	11.0b	2.5	51.5
192.8m	Mount Charlotte	88½	+2	1.8	2.0	13.5
12.3m	Prince Of W Hotels	83	●-2	2.1	2.6	15.0
108.9m	Queens Moat	65	+½	2.2b	3.4	18.7
104.7m	Savoy Hotels 'A'	378	..	3.6	0.9	18.8
127.1m	Stakis	80	..	1.7	2.9	14.3
1,275.3m	Trusthouse Forte	184	+6	7.0	4.3	24.2

INDUSTRIALS A – D

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
52.3m	AAH	189	+11	9.7	5.1	15.0
95.2m	AGB Research	222	+5	9.3	4.2	23.9
73.6m	AIM	131	..	8.2	3.1	11.4
77.7m	APV	245	+2	16.1	6.6	28.0
32.5m	Aaronson	90	+1	6.0	6.7	10.8
55.5m	Adwest	178	-2	11.1	6.2	11.4
23.5m	Amalgmtd W'wear	212	+7	7.1	3.4	18.3
3,392,000	Amber Ind	130	● ..	9.7	7.5	9.5
8,520,000	Appledore	284	+34	6.8	2.4	24.5
4,756,000	Arenson	38	-1	..	..	7.8
4,730,000	Armour	23½	● ..	0.3	1.2	12.1
15.3m	Ash & Lacey	364	..	28.6	7.8	11.2
3,487,000	Ashley	69	-2	..	..	41.3
4,967,000	Ass Br Eng 8%	303	+78	11.4	3.5	
37.4m	Assoc Heat	393	●+8	16.7	4.3	19.1
31.5m	Aurora	42	+5	1.1b	2.5	12.0
37.8m	Avon Rubber	283	●-3	8.1	2.9	9.3
3,450,000	Ayrshire Metal	69	+3	2.1	3.1	18.8
123.7m	BBA	141	●+2	2.5	1.8	25.9
987.8m	BET Dfd	388	+6	21.8	5.6	15.8
5,344,000	BETEC	68	● ..	2.1	3.1	8.8
1,252.5m	BOC	290	+3	13.4	4.6	11.0
4,221.3m	BTR	386	+13	10.5	2.7	22.2
223.7m	Babcock	184	+11	11.9	6.4	10.3
12.8m	Bailey (CH)	28½	-⅛	..	..	28.3
80.3m	Baird (Wm)	432	●+9	25.0b	6.0	13.1
89.4m	Baker Perkins	224	●+10	10.2	4.6	9.5
8,129,000	Bamfords	130	+2	7.9	6.0	15.0
	[illegible]		ƒ			
29.3m	[illegible]	118		2.9	2.4	17.9
45.8m	Barlow Rand	274	●+12	b		
13.2m	Barrow Hepburn	41	+1	3.4	8.4	12.5
900,000	Barton Transport	180	+5	25.7	14.3	5.5
4,836,000	Baynes (Charles)	25	..	2.2	8.8	50.0
8,917,000	Beatson Clark	140	● ..	8.4	6.7	8.6
3,122,000	Beauford	98	● ..	6.8	7.1	8.7
2,858.7m	Beecham	353	●-10	16.1	4.6	14.6
	Beller Cosmetics		ƒ			
3,581,000	Benlox	22	+2	1.6	7.1	12.2
375.9m	Benford (S&W)	165	+10	15.0	9.1	5.9
4,827,000	Berisfords	88	+3	7.5	8.6	8.5
14.7m	Bespak	115	..	6.1	5.5	6.3
37.4m	Bestobell	222	+3			12.2
16.0m	Bestwood	340	r-5	6.8b	2.5	40.8
2,278,000	Bevan (DF)	29	+3	1.6	8.2	7.1
395.5m	Bibby (J)	270	●+13	9.5	3.5	18.5
5,600,000	Biddle	140	● ..	14.3	10.2	7.0
1,220,000	Billam (J)	80	● ..	4.0	6.0	5.1
16.7m	Birmid Qualcast	85	+1½	4.8	5.5	7.0
7,365,000	Birmingham Mint	113	● ..	8.6	7.8	11.8
12.4m	Black Arrow	138	●+10	6.4	4.8	13.3
73.3m	Black (Peter)	228		2.3	1.0	21.2
32.7m	Blackwood Hodge	38½				14.7
15.2m	Blundell-Perm	193	+2	13.9n	5.2	21.0
17.3m	Bodycote	172	r+2	8.6b	5.0	3.6
373.5m	Booker McConnell	282	+20	16.4	5.8	12.2
1,914.6m	Boots	255	●+8	9.3	3.5	18.4
4,225,000	Boulton (Wm)	9½	+½			
288.6m	Bowater	308	+3	12.5	4.1	11.4
520.4m	Bowater Inc	£17⅞	+1⅛			..
2,227,000	Brathwaite Grp	78	-2	13.0e	16.7	
139.5m	Brammer	303	+10	17.9	6.4	17.8
6,217,000	Brasway	67	●+2	3.2	4.8	9.7
24.7m	Brengreen	38	●+4½	2.1	5.4	12.8
5,217,000	Bridgend Gp	37				
65.8m	Bridon	119	+3	8.1	5.2	9.2
12.3m	Bridport-Gundry	143	●+6	7.1	5.1	11.0
1,573,000	Br Bldg & Eng Appl	130	● ..	0.9	0.7	88.4
24.8m	Br Steam	173	●+6	9.6	5.6	11.9
19.4m	Br Syphon	134		3.8	3.8	27.7
60.1m	Br Vita	130	+3	8.3	4.7	8.2
3,804.2m	Broken Hill	478	..			
1,872,000	Bromsgrove Inds	38	●+6	1.9	4.8	8.8
2,313,000	Brons Eng	18½	+½	0.7	3.8	..
2,284,000	Brooke Tool	26	-1	1.4	6.5	6.0
33.2m	Brown & Tawse	156	+2	9.6	6.1	10.5
30.1m	Brown (John)	23	+1			
4,225,000	Brunton (Mus)	54	+3	4.3	7.9	12.1
78.2m	Bullough	217	+13	10.1b	4.7	12.9
12.7m	Burgess	152	-2	2.9	1.9	14.9
13.5m	Burco-Anderson	64½	●+½	3.9	6.9	12.4
11.2m	Camford Eng	59	+2½	1.3n	2.5	10.1
12.8m	Capero Ind	28	● ..	2.4	8.4	11.4
19.8m	Cape Ind	38	..			3.9
15.0m	Cardo Eng	283	+6	17.1	6.7	6.6
6,129,000	Celestion	26	..	1.4	6.5	13.1
4,187,000	Central & Sheer	9½	+½	..	..	13.0
1,611,000	Centreway Ind	14	..			38.9
8,016,000	CH Ind	49	● ..	3.1	6.3	11.8
23.2m	Chamberlain Ph	65½	●-½	3.5	8.4	8.4
2,280,000	Chamberlain & Hill	59	● ..	5.0	6.6	8.3
205.1m	Charter Cons	198	●-2	15.7	8.8	38.5
12.5m	Chemring	555	..	19.3	5.2	18.6
83.0m	Christie Int	309	+18	7.9	2.6	15.8
1,476,000	Christy Hunt	42	..			11.9
10.8m	Clarke (Clement)	132	+6	6.5	4.9	20.4
2,400,000	Clayton Son	99	● ..	10.7	10.9	7.6
3,510,000	Cohen (A)	393	● ..	15.4	4.0	7.4
43.5m	Coloroll Gp	180	●+3	8.5	4.7	14.5
7,802,000	Combined Tech	10½	+1	..	..	..
13.7m	Concentric	71	●-2	8.3	7.5	8.7
1,300,000	Cont Stationery	28	..	2.5	9.6	6.6
3,650,000	Cook (Wm)	77	●+4	4.3	6.3	12.8
515.3m	Cookson	378	+30	9.3	2.5	10.1
102.6m	Cope Allman	259	●-5	10.0	3.6	12.0
1,298,000	Copson (F)	36	..	2.1	6.9	20.2
6,842,000	Cosalt	65½	● ..	3.9	6.0	10.1
18.8m	Courtney Pope	305	..	12.1	3.3	11.7
5,476,000	Cowan De Groot	40	+7	2.8	7.2	17.9
55.4m	Crest Nicholson	127	+1	5.9n	4.7	10.6
44.3m	Crown House	184	● ..	11.3b	8.8	9.4
1,149,000	Cummins 3¾%	£191½	+14	375	2.0	..
1,258,000	DSC	40	..	0.7e	1.8	..
57.2m	DPCE	420	●+8	4.3	1.0	30.8
241.3m	Dalgety	238	+13	17.8	7.5	9.1
1,102.9m	Dana	£19	● ..			
864,000	Davies & Met 'A'	48	● ..	3.2	6.8	..
12.5m	Davies & Newman	180	●+2	13.4	7.4	5.7
109.7m	Davy	115	+3	5.3	4.6	11.3
293.1m	De La Rue	770	●+10	42.9	5.6	10.1
26.2m	Delta	199	+9	7.2	3.9	18.1
10.3m	Dentand Stamping	195	●+2	9.3	4.8	11.1
20.9m	Desoutter	165	+3	9.7	5.9	7.0
1,739,000	Dickie Heel	18½	..	0.8	4.3	17.5
183.9m	Diploma	283	●+5	7.5	2.6	18.1
78.7m	Dobson Park	92	+3	7.4	8.1	11.3
7,725,000	Dom	103	-2	7.1	6.9	11.4
51.5m	Dominion Int	117	●+4	7.6	6.5	8.8
9,377,000	Dufay Bitumastic	57	..	2.6	4.5	32.8
26.4m	Duport	59½	-1½	2.6	4.3	15.3
2,272,000	Dwek	27	+5	..	..	13.9
1,387,000	Dyson (J&J)	81	..	5.7	7.0	10.7
8,821,000	Do 'A'	72	+1	5.7	7.9	17.5

E – K

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
28.4m	Eastern Prod	280	+10	14.3	5.1	2.9
13.4m	Echo	160	●-1	10.0	6.3	6.6
41.7m	EIS	221	● ..	8.9	4.0	13.4
3,858,000	Elbief	33½	-½	2.5	8.1	12.9
17.9m	Elco	107	●+2	5.3	4.9	11.5
1,051.9m	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	£18⅛	+1¼			
9,868,000	Elliott (B)	56	●+4	2.9	5.1	16.5
670.0m	Emhart	222	●-½	13.8	6.3	..
592.0m	English China Clay	287	..	15.7	5.5	11.4
725.7m	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	£21½	+1¼	9.0	0.4	..
21.5m	Erskine House	148	●+2	4.0	2.7	20.2
317.0m	European Ferries	142	+3	8.1	4.3	9.7
88.5m	Do 5% Prf	133	-5	7.1	5.4	..
67.2m	Evered	184	-3	4.8	2.5	16.1
20.8m	Evode	118	+6	4.2	3.5	9.7
29.0m	Expamet Int	127	..	7.6	6.0	16.6
139.8m	Extel	328	●+18	9.8	3.0	19.2
7,705,000	Falcon	39	+3	1.4	3.5	6.7
3,853,000	Feedex Agric Ind	30	● ..	1.4	4.8	53.8
35.4m	Fenner (JH)	115	●+3	7.1	6.2	18.1
3,530,000	Fife Indmar	60	..	5.0b	8.3	6.2
1,052.7m	Fisons	440	●+2	6.9	1.6	23.5
9,290,000	Fitzwilton	42	-1	1.0	2.4	..
3,043,000	Flexello C&W	92	●+6	5.4	5.9	6.3
6,008,000	Fobel	34½	● ..	0.6	1.7	4.1
19.8m	Fogarty	105	●+1	5.7	5.5	42.4
9,225,000	Folkes Group N/V	33	..	1.9	6.2	8.8
21.1m	Fothergill & Harvey	158	+8	11.8	7.3	15.1
6,863,000	French (Thomas)	61	-1	4.1	6.7	14.0
32.4m	GEI Int	91	●+6	8.4	9.2	13.5
857.8m	GKN	277	+20	15.7	5.7	11.0
9,192,000	GR	280	●+20	10.0	3.6	7.7
2,248,000	Garton Eng	61	● ..	4.3	7.0	6.6
51.5m	Gestetner	145	+2	1.7	1.5	35.2
10.4m	Gieves	111	●+4	4.3b	3.9	15.3
5,765.3m	Glaxo	£15⅝	●+⅛	28.9	1.8	20.8
208.5m	Glynwed	249	+4	13.9	5.6	14.3
8,124,000	Gomme	63	+1	2.9	4.5	5.1
30.0m	Goring Kerr	500	-5	12.9	2.6	24.1
22.4m	Grampian Hldgs	161	..	7.9	4.9	21.1
536.5m	Granada	314	+4	10.1	4.7	17.0
6,558,000	Greybull	9½	+1½	0.7	7.7	8.1
5,837,000	Habit Precision	64	+1¼	2.9b	3.6	14.2
20.1m	Hall Eng	142	●+4	11.2	7.9	9.2
122.4m	Hall (M)	156	●+2	6.8n	4.4	11.3
5,891,000	Hallite	215	●-3	12.9	6.0	15.2
88.2m	Halma	243	●+8	2.2	0.9	35.8
6,877,000	Hampson Ind	28	+1½	1.5	5.4	10.2
16.1m	Hanimex	41	+2			
2,820,000	Hanson	199	●+4	6.2	3.1	13.3
267.3m	Do 8% Cnv	£150	+3	800	5.3	..
142.4m	Do 5.75%	100½	+2	8.2	8.2	..
48.9m	Hargreaves	139	●+1	7.0	5.1	15.5
5,696,000	Harris (Philip)	178	●+3	12.1	6.8	17.1
916.3m	Hawker Siddeley	465	+14	17.4	3.7	10.2
164.7m	Hawley	66	●+2	2.7	2.3	8.3
3,240,000	Hay (Norman)	81	..	5.4	6.8	11.2
237.8m	Hepworth Ceramic	151	-1	9.9	6.5	10.7
27.3m	Hestair	110	●+1	5.1	4.6	46.4
2,329,000	Hewitt (J)	63	+3	3.4	5.0	8.1
1,211,000	Highgate & Job	125	+2	..	..	24.2
58.4m	Hollis Bros	80	+5	..	..	40.2
33.0m	Holt Lloyd	73	●+2	5.4	7.3	13.6
31.4m	Hopkinsons	154	+2	8.8	5.7	10.1
	Howard Machinery		ƒ			
57.1m	Howden	95	+1	4.8	5.1	9.5
282.2m	Hudson Bay	£11¼	●-¾	59.0	5.0	..
31.0m	Hunting Assoc	251	● ..	10.7	4.3	9.1
21.4m	Hunting Group	98	+6	8.6	8.8	20.9
1,251.1m	Hutchison Whampoa	246½	+⅞			
338.2m	IMI	125	+10	6.7	5.4	11.3
29.4m	Isotron	238	-8	1.8	0.7	44.3
6,163,000	Jacksons Bourne	250	●+5	8.6	3.0	16.2
408.6m	Jardine Math	122	..			
51.5m	Johnson Cleaners	475	..	28.0	5.9	13.9
177.4m	Johnson Matthey	133	..	0.7	0.5	17.0
26.0m	Johnson & FB	24½	+½	..	..	12.3
23.5m	Johnston	335	● ..	10.4	4.4	14.9
6,134,000	Jones & Shipman	68	● ..	4.1	6.1	8.8
6,282,000	Jourdan (Thomas)	136	+1	9.5	7.0	10.5
4,423,000	Kalamazoo	27½	..	2.9	11.9	8.0
32.2m	Kalon	123	..	1.7	6.2	19.5
6,063,000	Kelsey Ind	198	+3	11.4	5.8	4.9
6,573,000	Kennedy Smale	102	..	2.0b	1.9	19.0
22.4m	Kershaw (A)	420	..	21.4	5.1	20.2
8,693,000	Kitchen (Rbt Taylor)	108	●+15	15.7	7.6	9.2
3,536,000	Kleen-E-Ze	123	● ..	7.1	5.8	28.4

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
1,707,000	LDH	22	● ..	0.5	2.3	13.3
88.7m	Lep	253	● ..	6.8	2.7	23.3
172.5m	Laird	220	●+3	8.8	3.8	9.9
27.2m	Lamont	138	..	5.1	3.7	12.2
2,060,000	Lawtex	44	s-2	2.1	4.3	4.8
12.9m	Lee (Arthur)	41½	● ..	3.0	7.2	5.6
7,759,000	Lifecare	34	●+1	..	..	28.8
1,627,000	Lilleshall	74	●+2	2.9	3.9	12.0
3,649,000	Linread	63	+5	2.9b	4.2	..
18.1m	Lloyd (FH)	57	● ..	3.5	5.6	12.4
7,500,000	Locker (T)	25	●+½	1.9	7.4	8.3
48.8m	Lon Midland	195	●+1	14.2	7.3	13.0
2,623,000	Do Dfd	109	-1			
70.8m	Lon & Nthn	64½	●+6½	7.4b	11.4	5.7
203.0m	Lon Ind	162	..	5.9	3.6	..
8,535,000	Longton Ind	136	..	4.3	3.2	17.8
70.8m	Low & Bonar	337	+11	12.9b	3.8	11.2
17.7m	ML Hldgs	319	-5	11.0b	3.5	17.9
17.2m	MS Int	72	+3	0.1	0.2	10.3
6,520,000	MY Dart	34	..	1.2	3.5	38.5
38.9m	Macarthys Pharm	250	+27	12.9	4.8	17.3
38.7m	Macfarlane	125	+4	3.2	2.6	20.7
4,013,000	Maclellan (P&W)	42	●+2	2.6	5.7	10.0
116.9m	McKechnie	194	●+9	11.4	5.9	13.7
4,747,000	Magnolia	93	..	3.3	4.7	11.3
20.0m	Manchester Ship	501	..	7.9e	1.6	22.3
8,933,000	Manganese Bronze	58	+4	4.3	7.4	6.8
230.5m	Marley	110	+3	5.4	4.9	13.5
17.9m	Marling	79	●-4	2.3	2.9	8.8
884,000	Marshall (Loxley)	72	● ..	4.3	6.0	11.2
2,997,000	Do 'A'	69	●+7	4.3	6.2	10.8
13.1m	Marshalls Univ	70	..	2.9	4.1	17.3
47.5m	Martonair	363	+6	15.7	4.3	12.9
416.1m	Metal Box	550	●+32	24.6	4.5	8.3
35.6m	Metal Closures	146	-3	6.6	6.6	9.1
20.7m	Metalrax	62	-7	3.4b	5.5	11.1
61.7m	Mitchell Cotts	67½	●+½	6.1	9.0	6.8
11.6m	Mitchell Somers	72	● ..	5.0	6.9	13.4
43.2m	Molins	188	-2	11.3e	6.7	18.6
133.2m	Morgan Crucible	220	+11	12.1e	5.5	12.9
21.3m	Moss (Robert)	109	● ..	4.4	4.1	12.1
2,854,000	Neepsend	21	●+½	0.1	0.7	10.9
45.4m	Neill (J)	183	●+4	10.0	5.1	8.9
40.3m	Newman Tonks	92	..	7.7b	8.4	9.2
9,859,000	Norton	51	● ..	1.4	2.7	57.3
245.2m	Norcros	278	●+6	12.9	6.3	13.9
14.3m	Office Elect Mach	233	+23	11.4	4.9	13.9
7.6m	Parker Knoll 'A'	232	..	12.6	5.4	9.2
30.7m	Park Place	223	●+5	8.9	3.3	19.5
3,888,000	Parrish JT	540				
852.7m	Pearson	433	+15	13.3	3.2	14.9
1,084,000	Peck	12	+1	..	..	28.8
11.7m	Peerless	80	-1	9.0	10.0	9.2
108.1m	Pegler-Hattersley	345	●+12	21.4	6.2	12.3
132.5m	[illegible]	285		1.5	0.5	26.7
27.7m	Pentos	59½	+1	0.5	0.8	21.5
40.3m	Photo-Me	800	-25	7.5	0.9	20.7
779.6m	Pilkington	338	●-13	17.9	5.3	7.7
3,313,000	Plastic Constr	58	+6	3.6	6.5	12.7
138.1m	Portals	592	+7	27.9	4.7	12.1
12.5m	Porter Chadburn	280	-3	1.5	0.6	..
128.7m	Powell Duffryn	250	●-2	21.7	8.6	13.5
15.2m	Prestwich Hldgs	127	-2	0.8	0.6	27.5
71.1m	Pritchard Serv	61½	+3½	5.4	8.8	7.1
13.6m	RFD	139	..	5.5	5.5	12.3
71.9m	RHP	122	..	6.1	5.9	7.1
1,741,000	Radiant Metal	26	●-4	3.8	2.6	..
917.1m	Rank Org	454	+30	18.1	4.0	23.3
23.8m	Ransome Sims	122	●+1	6.1	6.9	23.3
5,818,000	Ransome (Gt Bridge)	133	+13	5.6	4.2	4.3
368.1m	Reckitt & Colman	633	●+8	21.7	3.2	17.0
7,890,000	Redfearn Glass	130	●+2	2.9	2.2	7.3
21.2m	Reed Executive	225	●-1	5.0	2.5	16.5
625.4m	Reed Int	692	●+13	2.5	4.0	12.3
17.7m	Relyon	139	●+17	6.4	4.3	11.8
35.7m	Renold	60	●-½	1.0	1.7	8.7
10.1m	Restmor	98	..	5.7	5.9	15.1
1,115,000	Rexmore	361	+5	3.9	1.1	33.1
2,272,000	[illegible]	38	● ..	1.4b	6.5	8.7
18.1m	Ricardo Eng	172	-1	3.9	3.5	12.2
7,200,000	Richards (Leics)	60	-7	1.4	2.4	5.0
2,673,000	Richardson West	21	+1	..	..	9.6
37.2m	Robertson Res	152	● ..	3.1	2.1	23.6
6,400,000	Robinson (Thomas)	180	-2	..	..	18.4
8,267,000	Rockware	34	..	..	..	3.1
6,595,000	Roprer	131	+5	9.3	7.1	7.7
20.5m	Do 'A'	131	+5	9.3	7.1	7.7
862,300	Rotaprint	4	-½	..	..	1.9
31.9m	Rotork	129	-1	6.9	5.7	10.0
22.2m	Russell (A)	99	●+5	2.0	2.0	51.5

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
3,743,000	SI	20½	● ..	2.2e	11.2	4.3
32.8m	Sale Tilney	273	● ..	7.9	3.5	13.8
12.6m	Sandhurst	61	..	1.7	2.8	17.0
12.6m	Savile Gordon (J)	32	+½	2.3	8.4	13.2
158.8m	Scapa	303	●+5	18.1	4.1	8.9
21.4m	[illegible]	121	..	4.3	4.0	16.9
27.2m	Scott Heritable	128	+18	4.9	3.1	13.0
6,731,000	Scott & Robertson	54	● ..	3.8	3.8	12.6
3,987,000	Securicor	159	+6	1.9	1.2	24.0
38.4m	Do A	138	+5	1.9	1.3	22.2
147.2m	Security Serv	144	+2	3.3	2.3	23.1
29.2m	Senior Eng	29½	●+1½	2.3	7.7	12.1
2,136,000	Shiloh	77	●+1	3.2	4.2	5.2
27.1m	Sidlaw	139	●-15	12.9	9.9	9.2
296.3m	Siebe	711	+33	17.5	2.5	17.3
15.8m	Silentnight	35	..	3.8e	11.2	11.4
122.0m	Simon Eng	738	●+4	11.4	5.8	7.4
45.7m	Six Hundred	80½	● ..	7.3	8.7	8.2
50.8m	Sketchley	353	..	22.4	5.7	16.3
391.4m	SKF 'B'	£23⅝	-3			
828.1m	Smith & Nephew	220	+1	5.6	2.5	20.4
1,240,000	Smith Whitworth	31	+1	0.4	1.2	21.0
309.9m	Smiths Ind	238	●+8	8.4	3.5	18.1
8,007,000	Sparrow (GW)	81	●+6	6.4	2.8	10.5
7,309,000	Spear (JW)	181	+2	5.7	3.2	12.1
16.3m	Spear & Jackson	265	● ..	6.8	3.5	11.4
7,868,000	Spencer Clark	136	..	4.3	3.2	7.9
130.3m	Spirax-Sarco	142	-2	6.7	4.7	11.5
4,165,000	Staffs Potteries	74	..	4.3	5.8	7.5
7,624,000	Stag Furniture	91	●+4	3.9	4.2	..
3,228,000	Standard Fireworks	93	-1	5.5	5.9	7.2
2,943,000	Star Comp	49	-3	..	..	20.2
57.7m	Staveley	335	●+5	22.8	6.8	9.5
234.3m	Steetley	382	..	17.9	4.7	12.2
38.0m	Sterling Ind	109	● ..	3.3	3.0	38.9
7,196,000	Stocklake	170	..	7.1	10.1	3.6
5,489,000	Stonehill	38	+1	8.6	6.7	10.3
4,886,000	Stothert & Pitt	190	+4	..	..	8.6
42.3m	Sunlight Serv	200	●-1	12.9	6.4	9.7
5,397,000	Sutcliffe Speakman	45	-6	..	..	42.5
68.0m	Suter	188	● ..	8.0	3.2	17.9
744.8m	Swire Pacific 'A'	287	+14	..	..	..
1,100,000	Sycamore	13	+1	..	..	..
7,608,000	Sylvone	221	●-2	14.3	6.5	8.2
228.5m	TI	381	+14	14.3	3.8	17.6
308.7m	TNT	118	..	..	b	..
22.0m	TSL Thermal	333	+8	2.9	1.2	18.4
29.5m	Tace	420	..	8.0	2.1	33.2
4,437,000	Takeda Chem	234½	..	0.3	4.1	10.4
3,552,000	Talbex	8	-½	3.8b	5.6	12.9
7,385,000	Telfos	97	..	6.1b	4.7	13.7
2,946,000	Tex Hldgs	130	●+7	2.9	3.1	13.9
2,629,000	Third Mile	92	● ..			
1,715,000	Thomson T-line	108	..	6.3	3.9	16.8
18.0m	Tiphook	136	●+3	3.2	1.4	29.6
93.9m	Tomkins (FH)	237	+12	18.4	4.7	8.5
1,204.2m	Trafalgar House	349	●+6	9.8	4.6	15.4
84.2m	Transcontinental	210	-2	8.1	6.6	11.2
179.2m	Transport Dev	124	..	..	..	13.0
3,542,000	Travwood	12	+½	8.1e	6.1	..
8,680,000	Triefus	85	+13	2.9	3.1	13.0
7,584,000	Triplex	92	..	4.1	4.6	4.1
98.7m	Turner & Newall	89	..	7.1	7.0	4.7
14.3m	UKO	102	●+7	1.8e	1.3	28.2
8,074,000	Unigroup	124	+3	50.8	3.6	13.2
2,227.8m	Unilever	£14⅝	●+⅞			
3,308.5m	Unilever (NV)	£51½	+2½	6.7	3.9	11.4
81.2m	Valor	227	●+2	15.7	5.2	11.2
280.1m	Vickers	303	+3	6.6	5.6	12.5
9,082,000	Victor Products	118	..	4.5b	2.5	30.7
27.1m	Virian	177	+8			
3,360.0m	Volkswagen	£140	+11½			
15.9m	Vosper	245	+28	..	..	9.6
	WBI		ƒ ..			
14.2m	Wade Potteries	135	●+4	4.3	3.1	14.1
6,144,000	Wadkin	128	●+6	2.1	1.7	..
32.1m	Wagon Ind	190	+1	11.1e	8.9	12.2
147.8m	Waterford Glass	68½	+1½	1.9	2.7	..
35.1m	Watshams	171	-2	4.3	2.5	23.2
7,200,000	Watson (R Kelvin)	240	●-5	2.5	1.0	27.1
114.0m	Wedgwood	251	●+18	10.7b	4.3	11.3
32.8m	Weir	77½	●+1	4.1b	5.6	12.6
2,358,000	Wellman	15	+½	..	..	..
59.4m	Westland	85	-3	..	..	29.5
8,580,000	[illegible]	84	-1	7.8	9.4	11.8
48.7m	Whatman Reeve	228	+8	3.1	1.3	20.8
18.5m	Whessoe	88	●-1	7.8	9.1	6.8
48.2m	Whitecroft	178	●-8	11.3	6.3	9.8
7,358,000	Williams (James)	181	-2	9.4	5.2	12.5
76.6m	Williams Hldgs	398	+15	10.0	2.5	20.8
11.4m	Wills Gp	158	-2	11.4	7.2	45.3
328.5m	Wolseley-Hughes	436	●+5	12.8	2.9	13.0
1,200,000	Wood (Arthur)	60	+4	5.0	8.3	4.8
2,080,000	Wood (SW)	36	+2	1.4	4.0	12.8
4,642,000	Woodhouse & Rix	43	● ..	2.3	6.4	18.2
1,984,000	Wyndham Eng	86	●+1	2.1	2.5	17.1
20.5m	Yarrow	513	● ..	17.1	3.3	28.7
8,005,000	Young (H)	135	..	3.9	2.9	13.6

INSURANCE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
604.8m	Abbey Life	218	+27	9.4	4.4	..
887.8m	Alex & Alex	£22½	..	100	4.4	..
2,282.2m	Am Gen	£22¾	+⅛	80.0	3.7	..
27.0m	Bradstock	335	+5	7.9	3.5	15.5
170.7m	Britannic	827	+15	37.9	4.6	..
970.7m	Com Union	240	+13	16.9	7.0	..
259.1m	Equity & Law	258	●+15	8.0	3.1	..
	FAI	231	s+21			
1,244.4m	Gen Accident	740	+22	26.6	3.9	18.8
1,177.5m	GRE	741	●+23	37.9	5.1	21.5
210.9m	Heath C E	868	●+10	31.4	4.7	10.2
109.0m	Hogg Robinson	277	+4	13.4b	4.8	12.9
1,148.5m	Legal & Gen	747	+20	32.1	4.3	..
285.2m	Lib Life SA R1	219				
190.5m	London & Man	357	+10	31.6	8.7	33.9
42.3m	Ldn Utd Inv	288	-5	18.6b	6.4	11.0
2,066.5m	Marsh & McLen	£56½	●-⅛	220	3.9	..
193.8m	Minet	250	+8	9.9	4.0	16.5
18.8m	PWS	233	●-5	12.9	5.4	28.7
480.1m	Pearl	£12⅝	..	58.4	4.4	..
2,393.1m	Prudential	804	+27	34.3	4.3	53.1
134.3m	Refuge	405	+15	16.8	4.1	..
1,919.0m	Royal	813	●+25	34.6	4.3	19.4
1,057.8m	Sedgwick Gp	339	+7	14.6	4.1	18.2
155.0m	Stewart Wr'son	699	+15	28.7	4.1	18.9
110.3m	Sturge Hldgs	415	..	8.6	2.1	28.8
1,084.9m	Sun Alliance	540	●+20	22.1	4.1	48.6
474.4m	Sun Life	887	+83	30.5	3.8	..
26.4m	Trade Indemnity	365	+5	12.8	3.5	13.3
682.5m	Willis Faber	827	+30	20.7	2.5	28.0

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LEISURE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
7,153,000	Barr & WA 'A'	144	-1	10.0	6.9	10.8
6,300,000	Boosey & Hawkes	168	-3	..	..	23.7
27.3m	Brent Walker	104	+1	7.9	7.6	8.8
3,623,000	Campari	41	+6	1.4	3.5	11.0
53.9m	Chrysalis	203	..	6.0	3.2	13.2
108.2m	First Leisure	423	+10	10.0	2.4	19.8
27.0m	GRA	62½	..	..	..	78.2
688,000	Hamburger Brooks	68	-2	..	..	44.4
46.4m	Horizon Travel	93	..	6.2	6.6	18.1
48.5m	Int Leisure	94	● ..	6.9	7.3	7.0
12.0m	Juliana's Hldgs	73	●+3	3.0	4.1	11.4
3,500,000	Medminster	173	●+10	7.5	4.4	11.7
273.3m	Pleasurama	255	+7	8.9	3.0	18.0
9,870,000	Riley Leisure	130	+8	..	..	4.9
35.1m	Saga Holidays	185	-2	6.1	3.1	21.2
59.0m	Samuelson Gp	270	..	3.7	1.3	..
5,784,000	Tottenham Hotspur	63	+1	5.7	9.1	11.4
8,235,000	Zetters	128½	+½	5.7	4.5	10.8

MINING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
268.8m	Ang Amer Coal	£11	●+¼			
1,739.2m	Ang Am	770	+47	54.0	7.0	..
876.1m	Am Gold	£40	+3	446	11.2	..
350.0m	AAIT	£35	+3	271	7.7	..
48.1m	Anglovaal	£26	●+½	142	5.3	..
47.3m	Do 'A'	226½	●+½	142	5.4	..
12.1m	Ayer Hitam	193	..	47.5	24.6	..
62.1m	Blyvoors	313	+7	79.0	25.2	..
14.0m	Bracken	100	..	28.0	28.0	..
178.5m	Buffels	£16⅞	+1½	262	16.1	..
1,314.6m	CRA	266	+9			
33.1m	Carr Boyd	71	..	..	..	..
875.3m	Cons Goldfields	451	+9	35.0	7.8	11.1
1,122.3m	De Beers	338	+34	18.0	5.3	..
129.4m	Deelkraal	139	+12	4.0	3.1	..
89.4m	Doornfontein	268½	+⅝	62.0	13.3	..
1,028.4m	Driefontein	£10¾	+1½	136	12.5	..
10.9m	Durban	£4¾	..			
21.6m	E Daggas	183	r+13			
333.2m	Elandsrand	350	+10	12.0	3.4	..
5,864,000	El Oro	130	+1	6.0	4.6	10.9
36.2m	Elsburg	120	+10	14.0	11.7	..
105.3m	E Rand Gold	253	+10	28.0	11.1	..
18.7m	E Rand Prp	£3⅝	..			
139.6m	Free State Dev	395	+20	14.7	2.5	37.3
1,907,000	FS Geduld	88	+1	162	12.1	..
202.1m	Geevor Tin	88	..	17.1e	28.0	2.5
452.2m	Gencor	£22¼	+⅞	80.0	8.8	..
613.1m	Gen Mining	£27½	+1½	87.0	14.2	..
41.3m	GFSA	£37½	-5	48.0	8.1	..
10.1m	GM Kalgoorli	368	..			
30.1m	Gopeng	63	..	20.0	31.7	..
36.0m	Grootvlei	263	+3	54.0	20.5	..
174.8m	Hampton Areas	132	●+8	5.4	4.1	40.1
257.6m	Harmony	595	+3	68.8	9.7	..
383.4m	Hartebeest	£42½	+2	17.0	7.4	..
163.1m	Johnnies	£56	+3	343	6.6	..
134.2m	Kinross	£32	+3	80.0	9.6	..
18.1m	Kloof	£32½	+3	40.0	8.0	..
16.1m	Leslie	113	+10	20.0	25.7	..
74.9m	Libanon	£3⅝	+⅛	115	12.2	..
42.6m	Loraine	280	+10	..	..	..
858.3m	MIM	131	+2			
84.7m	Malaysian Mining	74	● ..			
3,330,000	Marievale	72	..	17.0	23.0	..
8,152,000	Metals Exploration	18	-1			
1,800,000	Messina	9	..			
53.2m	Middle Wits	£2½	+¼			
34.7m	Minorco	585	+15	10.0	1.8	..
	New Wits	23	+½	20.0	7.7	..
	Nth Broken Hill	114	+2			
31.8m	Nth Kalgurli	34	..			
24.9m	Northgate	237	+10	..	..	..
11.5m	Petaling Tin	118				
183.3m	Peko Wallsend	238	+⅛	..	..	..
148.7m	Pres Brand	£10½	+1¼	180	15.4	..
187.5m	Pres Steyn	£11½	+1½	207	16.9	..
	Rand Mines Ltd	£19	●+½			
	Rand Mines Prop	320	●-25	12.0	3.8	8.7
381.1m	Randfontein	£48½	+3½	551	11.2	..
117.2m	Renison	333	+2			
1,570.3m	RTZ	519	●-3	28.3	5.8	7.3
628.8m	Rustenburg	£5	+½	28.0	5.2	37.7
77.2m	St Helena	£8	+⅝	125	15.6	..
13.8m	SA Land	115	+17	18.0	15.7	..
549.3m	Southvaal	£21½	+1½	118	5.6	..
55.5m	Stilfontein	£4⅝	+22			
8,950,000	Sungei Besi	136	..	..	..	..
2,229,000	Tanjong	150	..	..	..	10.1
54.1m	Tara	135	..	..	..	..
13.4m	Tronoh	118				
103.3m	Unisel	388	+14	45.0	12.6	..
626.5m	Vaal Reefs	£43½	+¾	556	12.8	..
18.2m	Venterspost	380	+30	54.0	15.0	..
3,900,000	Vlakfontein	65	+10	15.0	23.1	..
10.7m	Vogels	58	..	4.3	7.3	7.6
2,860,000	Wankie Colliery	10½	..			
102.0m	Welkom	388	+25	67.0	17.3	..
77.8m	Western Areas	793	+23	22.0	11.8	..
539.7m	Western Deep	£21½	+1½	171	8.3	..
211.4m	Western Holdings	£14½	+7	228	17.8	..
481.4m	Western Mining	152	..	3.0	2.0	..
7,140,000	West Rand Cons	168	+6	12.6	7.1	..
25.5m	Whim Creek	114	-2	..	..	..
148.2m	Winkelhaak	£12½	+¾	176	14.3	..
	Wits Nigel	38	+1	1.1	2.9	..
14.1m	Zambia Copper	11½	-½	..	..	..
5,729,000	Zandpan	44	..	9.7	8.4	..

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
142.3m	AE	144	+8	7.1	5.0	8.0
4,317,000	Appleyard	79	+2	4.3	5.4	7.8
36.6m	Armstrong	70½	●-1	1.6	2.2	9.3
22.6m	Auto Products	129	-6	2.1	1.7	30.3
78.9m	BSG	28	●+2	1.6	5.7	11.2
	Blamel Bros		ƒ ..			
10.5m	Bramall (CD)	188	● ..	9.8	5.3	9.3
1,350.1m	Br Aerospace	450	+22	20.3	4.2	8.8
74.3m	Br Car Auctions	95	●+1	4.8	4.9	10.4
1,026.6m	BL	31	+5			
6,596,000	Caffyns	170	..	6.4	3.8	..
11.4m	Cowie (T)	79	-1	4.3	5.4	11.0
27.2m	Dennis	108	●+6	5.7	5.3	13.0
414.9m	Dowty	281	..	7.1	3.6	18.5
2,857,000	ERF	40	+5	..	..	9.0
180.5m	Flight Refuelling	332	+6	4.2	1.8	22.8
187.4m	Ford Motor	198	+3	7.8	3.4	..
5,712,000	Gates (Frank G)	68	..	4.3	6.3	6.2
923.8m	General Motor	245	●-4	23.6	10.2	..
2,895,000	Glanfield Lawrence	53	..	..	..	11.1
20.2m	Group Lotus	115	+1	..	..	44.1
8,020,000	Hartwells	80	..	3.8b	5.5	9.1
3,651.3m	Honda Motor	411	..	3.5	0.9	..
874.1m	Jaguar	345	●+13	11.1	3.2	11.1
6,039,000	Jessups	72	●-2	5.7	7.9	6.5
36.2m	Kenning Motor	129	..	9.3	6.7	15.6
40.4m	Kwik-Fit	80	●+5	2.3	4.5	17.7
247.7m	Lex	352	+3	15.1	5.0	8.7
7,421,000	Lookers	31	..	8.8	7.2	8.7
671.0m	Lucas	608	r+28	18.7	3.1	18.2
27.3m	Perry Gp	118	●+3	8.3	8.3	13.2
8,865,000	Plaxtons (GB)	73	●-3	6.4	8.8	12.0
2,713,000	Quick (HJ)	61	..	3.7	7.3	..
7,158,000	Supra	44	+½	2.8	6.3	12.5
3,305,000	Woodhead (Jonas)	38	+3	0.1e	0.4	9.1

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
48.8m	Assoc Book	205	+12	7.5	3.6	11.8
278.9m	Assoc Newspaper	619	+5	21.4	3.4	17.5
4,111,000	Black (A&C)	318	-5	13.9	4.5	17.2
21.7m	Bristol	630	● ..	12.9	2.0	22.5
48.0m	Collins (Wm)	478	-6	9.8	2.1	30.4
74.5m	Do 'A'	308	-2	9.8	3.3	15.6
91.9m	Emap 'A'	152	..	3.6	3.2	..
17.7m	Haynes Publishing	363	..	12.9	8.4	9.7
2,123,000	Home Counties	85	+13	4.7	3.1	22.8
36.7m	Independent	245	+2	18.6	5.3	18.4
1,293.6m	Int Thomson	442	..	8.7	7.8	..
248.0m	News International	828	●-12	12.0	4.9	..
227.8m	Octopus	615	+5	14.8	3.2	13.2
14.8m	Portsmouth Sund	182	+6	15.1	2.4	..
25.4m	Trinity Int	227	●+2	8.5	1.8	28.5
445.3m	Utd Newspapers	386	-2	6.7	4.7	13.2
			+25	22.9	7.7	11.4

OIL

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
251.5m	Ampol	110	+3	..	..	..
23.9m	Aran Energy	27	-1	..	..	..
	Atlantic Resources	27	-1	..	..	..
10,311.0m	Br Petroleum	558	+10	45.7	8.2	7.0
4,458,000	Bristol Oil	11	+1	..	..	..
13.3m	Br Borneo	340	+2	26.4	7.8	12.8
1,045.1m	Britoil	208	+3	18.6b	8.9	5.7
384.4m	Burmah	257	-3	15.4	5.9	10.1
81.2m	Carless Capel	106	●+6	3.9	3.7	11.7
22.3m	Century	81	●+5	3.7	6.3	4.6
17.2m	Charterhall	30	..	0.9	2.9	4.4
149.9m	Charterhouse Pet	104	..	1.8b	1.7	13.9
332.7m	Enterprise	148	-6	12.1	8.1	8.1
27.0m	Gerber Energy	56	+1	..	..	..
58.0m	Global N Res	210	+6	..	..	..
30.8m	Goal Pet	46	r+1	1.4	3.1	5.5
29.8m	Gt Western Res	120	..	1.4	1.2	..
385.5m	IC Gas	298	●-2	22.1	7.4	6.8
3,822,000	ICC Oil	7	+1	..	..	8.1
23.2m	KCA Drilling	29	+2	4.3	14.8	..
285.1m	LASMO	233	-8	17.4	7.5	14.3
21.3m	Do Units	300	..	144	48.1	..
10.3m	New London Oil	48	+5	..	..	..
8,588,000	Petrocon	138	..	7.9	5.7	7.5
72.8m	Premier	33½	+1	..	..	15.8
188.5m	Ranger	240	+10			
11,722.4m	Royal Dutch	£49⅞	+⅛	225	3.2	..
7,373.0m	Shell	698	+10	48.0	7.2	5.2
6,287,000	Silkolene	180	● ..	12.9	8.8	10.1
40.1m	Sovereign	85	+5	..	..	3.1
5,527,000	TR Energy	23½	-½	..	..	23.8
104.5m	Tricentrol	145	-8	14.3	9.8	4.1
222.8m	Triton Europe	270	-5	..	..	..
858.2m	Ultramar	205	+9	16.0	7.8	4.4

OVERSEAS TRADERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
8,779,000	Anglo Indonesian	148	●+3	10.7	7.2	3.1
18.1m	Borthwick	35	●+2	0.7	2.0	9.8
84.5m	Finlay (James)	82	●+7	5.5	6.4	4.4
508.5m	Harrison Crosfield	348	-6	28.6	8.2	10.5
271.3m	Inchcape	320	+20	25.9	8.1	14.5
3,247,000	Jacks (Wm)	30	-½	1.4	4.8	9.4
545.0m	Lonrho	204	+4	16.4	8.1	18.2
13.8m	Ocean Wilson	32	● ..	4.2	8.1	8.6
65.7m	Paterson Zoch	228	..	8.4	3.7	7.5
52.4m	Do 'A'	228	..	8.4	3.7	7.5
195.5m	Polly Peck	180	+5	7.5	4.2	8.6
278.3m	Sime Darby	48	●-1			
81.8m	Steel Bros	580	..	22.9	3.9	9.8
68.9m	Tozer Kemsley	64	-2	..	..	41.0
30.8m	Yule Catto	183	+2	8.9	4.9	7.1

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
10.5m	Aidcom Int	44	-6	1.2	2.8	18.1
42.4m	Assoc Paper	229	●+5	8.5	3.7	11.4
7,466,000	Ault & Wiborg	38	-1	..	..	8.2
17.0m	Benrose	148	+3	1.8	1.2	6.4
31.0m	Boase Massimi	249	-8	5.4	2.2	23.0
253.9m	BPCC	393	●+8	17.1b	4.4	7.7
1,431,000	Brunning	146	●+1	7.0	4.8	38.0
3,010,000	Do R/V	146	●+1	7.0	4.8	38.3
496.7m	Bunzl	508	+5	14.3	2.8	14.8
217.5m	Carlton Comm	790	●+20	8.5	1.1	25.8
8,038,000	Chapman	193	●-2	12.0	6.2	5.9
20.2m	Clay (Richards)	225	●+12	5.4	2.4	31.2
7,816,000	Cropper (James)	195	● ..	3.5	1.8	18.8
210.1m	DRG	200	+2	11.8	5.9	8.5
20.5m	Davidson Pearce	159	+6			
14.9m	Eucalyptus Pulp	400	..	16.0	4.0	2.8
45.9m	Ferguson Hldgs	174	●+2	10.5	6.1	12.1
10.8m	Flinch Design	380	..	8.0	2.1	25.3
9,380,000	Geers Gross	82	-3	7.7	9.4	8.2
10.2m	Good Relations	188	..	8.6b	2.7	21.4
10.2m	Lowe H-S-C-E	328	-15	..	..	..
77.4m	McCorquodale	151	●+1	8.1	5.4	12.0
25.7m	More O'Ferrall	103	●+12	4.9	4.7	18.2
42.8m	Norton Opax	139	●+3	4.3	3.1	17.1
270.4m	Ogilvy & Mather	£29⅞	..			
1,032,000	Olives Paper	34	+4			
32.9m	St Ives Gp	578	+35	12.9	2.2	32.1
419.0m	Saatchi & Saatchi	871	+30	20.0	2.6	27.1
128.3m	Do 6.3% Cnv Prf	127	+6	9.0	7.1	..
248.3m	Smurfit (Jeff)	128	+4	4.7	3.7	..
4,382,000	Usher Walker	205	●-3	9.7	4.7	11.1
2,754,000	Wace	41	+1	..	..	9.5
57.6m	Waddington (J)	586	●+23	36.7	6.3	11.2
31.6m	Watmough	283	+5	8.9b	3.2	13.5

PROPERTY

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
30.5m	Abaco	31½	-1½	0.8	3.8	49.2
22.3m	Allied Lon	72	s ..	2.0	2.8	17.1
8,819,000	Apex	180	● ..	2.9	3.5	18.7
68.5m	Bairstow Eves	138	..	2.7	2.0	25.6
170.5m	Beazer (CH)	476	●-4	12.5	3.8	11.5
14.6m	Bellwinch	110	-3	6.8	5.5	14.7
69.4m	Billton (P)	230	..	15.1	6.6	16.9
104.6m	Bradford	450	●+20	13.9	3.1	16.0
219.3m	Br Land	157	●+7	3.9	2.5	18.0
126.6m	Brixton	154	●+5	7.6	5.0	22.7
171.1m	Cap & Counties	223	..	6.6	2.8	25.4
4,658,000	Cardiff Prop	213	..	2.6	1.2	..
30.3m	Centrovincial	193	+15	8.8	4.4	17.1
80.1m	Chesterfield	450	●+10	15.7	3.5	34.5
16.7m	CALA	645	-15	25.3b	3.9	12.3
7,322,000	Clarke Nickolls	143	● ..	8.6	6.3	13.4
23.2m	Comwells	130	+2	5.0	3.8	22.7
7,120,000	Control Secs	19	+1	4.5	23.7	3.5
48.3m	Country & New	102	● ..	3.3	3.2	67.1
11.4m	County 'B'	117	..	8.2	2.5	7.8
10.2m	Cussins	185	● ..	8.6	4.6	29.7
81.5m	Daejan	500	..	18.6	3.7	10.5
140.8m	Dares Dev	345	+6			
3,048,000	Dares	8	..	..	..	3.0
8,608,000	Estates & Agency	180	..	4.3	2.7	71.7
21.3m	Estates Gen	117	..	3.4	2.9	33.8
28.7m	Estates Prop	150	..	11.5	7.9	18.1
3,124,000	Evans Of Leeds	87	●+1	5.0	5.7	10.8
	Five Oaks	47½	+1½			6.6
82.5m	Frogmore	180	●+5	9.9	5.5	11.3
244.1m	Gr Portland	164	●+4	10.0	6.1	24.1
128.2m	Greycoat	252	●+6	2.8	1.2	45.6
29.6m	Hallwood Gp	35	-1	7.0	5.1	..
189.1m	Hammerson	490	●+15	12.1	2.5	34.7
582.8m	Do 'A'	480	●+15	12.1	2.5	33.9
7,119,000	Hanover	140	..	4.8	3.3	24.0
15.5m	Hardanger	243	● ..	14.0	5.8	9.2
154.8m	Haslemere	519	●+6	14.0	2.7	33.4
38.7m	Imry	290	● ..	7.5	2.6	33.9
1,550,000	Jermyn	165	..	2.3	1.5	88.6
173.0m	Laing Prop	308	+8	9.8	3.1	18.8
58.8m	Land Investors	68	+6	1.7	2.9	33.0
1,520.3m	Land Securities	302	●+5	12.1	4.0	28.1
94.1m	Lon & Edn Tst	460	●+15	9.5	2.1	21.2
22.0m	Lon & Edn 6.5%	153	+1	9.3	6.1	..
37.7m	Lon & Prov Shop	323	..	8.5	2.6	20.6
77.8m	Lon Shop Prop	180	+4	7.1	4.4	19.3
37.4m	Lyston	303	..	8.8b	2.9	38.1
720.0m	MEPC	302	●+9	15.0	5.0	18.3
11.8m	McInerney	92				
26.6m	McKay Secs	115	..	4.8	4.0	20.1
18.1m	Marlborough	38	..	3.1b	3.8	24.0
16.8m	Marler Est	64	..	0.8b	1.3	32.9
6,685,000	Mountleigh	175	+2	4.3	2.5	17.5
58.0m	Mountview	330	+10	9.5	2.8	18.7
18.5m	[illegible]	370	..	6.4	1.7	7.7
44.8m	Muckow (A&J)	86	● ..	7.2	8.4	13.2
9,680,000	Municipal	220	..	15.7	0.8	50.2
5,208,000	New Cavendish	75	..	1.7	2.3	33.0
4,822,000	Parkdale	45	+1	1.4	3.2	32.7
81.8m	Peachey	285	●+6	11.4	4.3	35.2
51.1m	Prop & Rev	186	●+2	8.2	3.3	31.5
85.2m	Prop Hldgs	120	●+2	3.8	3.1	39.5
78.8m	Prop Security	115	..	3.6b	3.7	25.0
18.2m	Raglan	9	+½	0.1	1.4	..
45.8m	Regalian	380	r+45	6.2	1.4	26.9
149.7m	Rosehaugh	375	+20			
34.8m	Rush & Tompkins	272	●-2	11.2	4.1	12.0
28.8m	Samuel	167	●+6	8.4	5.0	28.1
81.5m	Scot Met	84	●+1	5.7	6.8	19.3
366.6m	Slough Estates	183	+6	7.4	4.9	17.4
28.8m	Speyhawk	285	●+5	13.6	4.8	12.7
17.5m	Stand Secs	152	..	5.4	3.5	20.8
282.7m	Stock Conversion	540	●+15	12.1	2.2	25.1
171.2m	Stockley	72	+2			
42.8m	Town Centre	47	+2	1.4	3.0	28.0
21.9m	Trafford Park	186	..	18.4	8.5	13.2
67.2m	Utd Real	560	●-5	17.1	3.1	22.9
85.2m	Warner	685	+8	22.8	3.3	39.5
47.0m	Warnford	480	+5	21.4	4.4	48.3
4,602,000	Webb (Jos)	17½	..	0.7	4.2	58.5
4,716,000	West & Country	142	● ..	11.4	8.0	8.1

SHIPPING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
160.9m	Assoc Br Ports	368	+10	12.5	3.1	..
678.1m	Br Commonwealth	323	●+20	6.3	1.9	25.0
303.8m	Caledonia	313	●+12	6.1	2.0	68.8
22.1m	Fisher (James)	93	..	4.7	5.1	8.8
9,558,000	Graig	598	●-5	17.9	3.0	28.7
13.0m	Jacobs (JI)	38½	●-½	5.0b		28.5
151,000	Lyle	3½	+½			0.1
580,000	Mersey Docks	28	+2			1.1
221.3m	Ocean Transport	188	+2	8.4	4.3	14.4
1,112.3m	P & O Dfd	453	+8	20.0	4.4	13.9
8,128,000	Runciman (Walter)	104	●-1	7.1	6.9	39.9
1,665,000	Turnbull Scott	270	..	12.9	8.5	30.5

SHOES AND LEATHER

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
14.8m	FII	290	●+5	8.9	3.1	11.4
16.7m	Garner Booth	165	+1	13.1	7.9	5.8
1,358,000	Headlam Sims	34	..	3.1e	8.0	7.7
11.2m	Lambert Howarth	205	-1	7.2	3.5	10.7
2,656,000	Newbold & Burton	68	..	4.4	6.5	..
10.2m	Pittard	84	+2	5.6	6.9	8.1
18.7m	Strong & Fisher	128	+8	10.7	8.4	5.1
31.2m	Stylo	163	..	6.4	3.9	20.2

TEXTILES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
48.8m	Allied Text	428	●+20	17.8e	4.2	17.1
5,364,000	Atkins Bros	148	● ..	8.1	5.7	38.9
4,101,000	Beales (John)	106	-1	5.7	5.4	7.0
9,187,000	Beckman (A)	90	● ..	8.6	9.1	10.8
16.9m	Br Mohair	128	● ..	8.6	6.7	7.0
5,462,000	Bulmer & Lumb	64	●+1	7.1	11.2	18.0
442.7m	Coats Patons	180	●+3	8.2	5.1	8.7
18.9m	Corah	55	+1	5.7	10.4	7.5
798.7m	Courtaulds	195	●+6	7.6	3.9	8.3
22.6m	Crowther (J)	82	-1	2.1	2.6	22.9
308.4m	Dawson	216	●+6	8.0	3.7	13.9
10.2m	Debron	43	+1	..	..	21.4
4,213,000	Dixon (D)	222	● ..	9.3	4.0	7.0
17.5m	Don Bros	134	+2	4.3	3.2	6.8
1,288,000	Dura Mill	46	-3	5.7	12.7	8.1
6,806,000	Foster (John)	78	●+1	5.0	6.4	7.0
4,804,000	Gaskell Broadloom	103	..	7.9	7.6	7.1
2,332,000	Hicking Pentecost	35	..	..	..	34.3
3,830,000	Ingram (Harold)	110	●+10	3.6	3.6	14.2
2,668,000	Jerome (S)	56	●-2	4.5	8.0	7.4
11.1m	Leeds	176	●+6	8.9	5.0	8.7
11.0m	Lister	67	●+2	0.4	0.5	20.9
3,014,000	Lyles (S)	88	●-2	7.9	9.5	17.3
3,820,000	Mackay (Hugh)	72	..	6.0	8.1	14.5
7,316,000	Marlton	71	+1½	..	..	8.7
8,419,000	Parkland 'A'	98	●+3	6.9	7.0	4.7
8,218,000	SEET	155	●+5	7.0	4.5	8.3
8,701,000	Shaw Carpets	32	+½	3.6	11.2	17.8
86.5m	Sirdar	139	●+1	6.0	4.3	11.2
1,200,000	Smallshaw (R)	49	..	3.6	7.4	5.5
5,187,000	Stroud Riley	72	●+1	5.0	6.9	18.5
3,650,000	Tootal Jersey	100	+4	6.6	6.6	18.8
6,005,000	Tomkinsons	173	-2	7.1	7.1	7.2
140.0m	Tootal	79	-½	6.6	8.4	8.8
11.7m	Torkyde	250	+30	8.3	3.7	11.4

TOBACCOS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
4,868.0m	BAT	318	..	15.7	5.0	8.6
1,861.0m	Imperial	256	..	15.7b	6.8	14.2
828.1m	Rothmans 'B'	138	●+4	9.1	6.6	4.7

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. g Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Threat of more failure as the EEC grows

Amid the popping rioja and vinho verde corks, the European Economic Community acquired an extra 48 million people and two new languages on the stroke of midnight last Tuesday. It also became less of an economic community and more of a political gathering of approved Western European democracies.

The accession of Spain and Portugal to the EEC double the number of members from the original six of the 1957 Treaty of Rome. Enlargement has proceeded in three stages. Britain, Denmark and Ireland joined in January 1973; Greece in January 1981. There has been one little-noticed dropout: Greenland left quietly last year, after obtaining internal autonomy from Denmark.

There are two ways of looking at EEC enlargement. One is that the original EEC members, having successfully integrated thier economies, felt able to accommodate additional countries, each enlargement taking a few years to digest.

A more accurate way of looking at enlargement is that the original six, having achieved some, but not much, progress towards economic integration, decided that it was easier to proceed by enlarging than by the tortuous task of attempting to bring their economies still closer.

THE EEC TWELVE – 1986 OUTLOOK

	Growth in gross domestic product (%)	Consumer price inflation (%)	Balance of payments, current account (%)
Belgium	1.5	3.75	+1.25
Denmark	3.5	2.75	–2.25
France	2	3.75	+3.5
Germany	3.25	1.25	+20.25
Greece	–1	21.25	–2
Ireland	2.25	5	–0.5
Italy	2.5	6.75	–5.25
Luxembx.urg	2.25	4	–
Netherlands	2	1.75	+6.75
Portugal	2.75	15.5	–0.5
Spain	2	9	+3.25
United Kingdom	2.25	4	+5

Source: OECD

Various stages can be defined in the development of an economic grouping like the EEC. The first is the establishment of a customs union, with a common external tariff and the removal of barriers to internal trade. The second is a common market, in which the factors of production, labour and capital can move freely. The final stage is full economic and monetary union, including a common EEC currency and EEC-wide economic policy, made in Brussels.

About 15 years ago, the original six – Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg – found themselves somewhere between the first and second stages of economic integration. Some internal trade barriers remained, as did many barriers to free movement of factors of production, but the customs union was operative more or less smoothly.

In agriculture, and coal and steel, economic union was at its most advanced, most notably with the Common Agricultural Policy. The latter, the area in which the Community has developed most, is also the one which has consistently produced the biggest problems.

To all intents and purposes, the EEC has remained frozen at that stage since the early seventies.

The new members, with relatively large agricultural sectors, will put additional strains on the Common Agricultural Policy. However, both Spain and Portugal have been undergoing a pre-entry economic fitness course.

Spain's Socialist government has been pursuing tough and resolute economic policies in a way that would make Mrs Thatcher blush. It has reduced inflation to around 8 per cent from well over 20 per cent in the late seventies.

Spain has also pushed through cuts in income tax, through the highly laudable method of stopping evasion. It is running a healthy current account surplus. The dark side of all this is unemployment. One in five of Spain's workforce is without a job.

Portugal, under the supervision of the International Monetary Fund, has also had to endure economic hardship to bring down inflation. The inflation rate was 29 per cent in 1984, less than 20 per cent on average last year, and should fall to around 15-16 per cent this year.

There have been two years without growth although, so far, unemployment remains well below Spanish levels, at around 11 per cent. In an effort to maintain international competitiveness the Portuguese government has been devaluing the escudo.

For Britain, the new recruits – protected by years of transition arrangements before trade barriers are fully dismantled – are no easy trade touch. In the first ten months of last year, Britain had a trade deficit of £159.8 million with Spain and £204.7 million with Portugal. Their entry effectively pushes up Britain's annual trade deficit with the rest of the EEC from £2.7 billion to £3.2 billion.

In the enlarged EEC of 12 members, the opportunity for different tiers to develop becomes far greater. A tier structure is in evidence with the European Monetary System. Eight EEC countries are full members; four, Britain, Greece and now Spain and Portugal, are not.

The EMS is a good example of how the process of integration can be becalmed, with nobody prepared to take things further. The EMS is a currency link which covers only part of the EEC. Until it covers all members it is unlikely that we shall see the next stage, a European Monetary Fund, or the following steps leading to a common currency.

Tiers also exist on inflation, though not as pronounced as might be expected. The majority of members will have inflation of less than 5 per cent this year; low inflation is a blessing shared by most industrial countries.

Does EEC membership in itself impose economic disciplines on states that will produce convergence of economic performance? There is no good reason why it should. Even when the internal EEC trade barriers are completely removed, members – particularly small countries – have the option of adjusting for loss of competitiveness by moving their exchange rates.

The apparent convergence on inflation rates is a reflection of declining commodity prices rather than anything else.

It would be churlish not to recognize the fact that Spain and Portugal have developed suficiently, both economically and politically, to become EEC members. But it is inevitable that enlargement, curiously, makes the EEC institutions more inward looking, concentrating on putting the Community's house in order.

In an ideal world, last year's initiatives on world debt and currency instabilities would have come, not from the American Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, but from the EEC, surely more subject to international influences, and much earlier.

In an ideal world, too, the EEC would have come up with a co-ordinated approach to reducing Community unemployment. Spain's 3 million and Portugal's near 400,000 unemployed bring the EEC total to around 17 million. That, more than anything, is the EEC's failure.

Europe rejects front-runner as head of World Bank

From Bailey Morris in Washington

Europe and Japan have warned the United States that they will not accept a mediocre candidate who does not command respect on world capital markets as new head of the World Bank.

This has triggered a high-level debate over the qualifications of Mr William Middendorf, the US Aambassador to the EEC who is thought to be a front-runner.

Some European officials strongly oppose his candidacy on the grounds that he has neither sufficient standing on financial markets nor the international stature to carry out the US Treasury's new global debt initiative which involves a much larger role for the World Bank.

A senior World Bank official said: "The United States has been told quite firmly that Europe and Japan do not want another president like Mr A. W. "Tom" Clausen who allowed the Bank's position to diminish".

The unusual protest comes only three weeks before the Reagan Administration expects to name the man for the job.



Treasury men: James Baker (left), Richard Darman and David Mulford

Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, favours an influential person for the post which becomes vacant on June 30 when Mr Clausen's term expires. But several prominent candidates, including Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, have rejected the Administration's overtures.

It is unclear whether Mr Middendorf enjoys the unqualified support of Mr Baker or whether his backing comes from an influential group of White House officials led by Mr Donald Regan, the Chief of Staff.

Other names prominent on the Treasury's list are Mr John Hennessey, the London-based director of First Boston Corporation, and Mr John Petty of the Marine Midland Bank.

Both have disadvantages. Mr Hennessey, considered a rising star, is thought to be too young and Mr Pretty, while conversant with the global debt strategy, may not have sufficiently broad political experience.

And pressure on the United States to produce a candidate quickly to move the debt strategy forward, has also led to speculation that Mr Baker may name a high-level Treasury official to the post.

Mr Richard Darman, the Deputy Treasury Secretary, and Mr David Mulford, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, have been mentioned.

Treasury sources say it is unclear whether either would be interested in the job.

The question of political experience, the ability to forge a consensus among member nations and manage relations with the US Congress, has become increasingly important.

Under the US debt initiative, the Bank will assume broad control over the economies of many debtor nations.

Many European and US officials doubt whether a president who decreases the bank's independence by acting as a rubber stamp for the US will earn the respect necessary to carry out these reforms.

Legal action warning to Distillers

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent

Argyll Group has warned the chairman of Distillers, Mr John Connell, of the possibility of legal action if Distillers repeats allegedly misleading statements to discredit Argyll's standing.

The letter came as speculation grew that Guinness may intervene in the increasingly bitter £1.9 billion takeover fight.

Industry sources said that the fast-growing brewing group is seriously considering a counter bid, though stockbroking analysts were sceptical of the company's ability to muster the £2 billion necessary to become a serious contender.

The sources said that Guinness may be considering the move as a "spoiling" tactic which would ensure that Argyll's bid is referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Guinness owns Arthur Bell & Sons, which has nearly a fifth of the British scotch whisky market. Its intervention could force the Govenment to refer the whole takeover situation, including Argyll's bid.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is expected to give Argyll the go-ahead today or tomorrow after receiving advice from the Office of Fair Trading. Guinness will therefore have to make its intentions known quickly to ensure a reference.

Copies of Argyll's strongly-worded letter has been sent to Kleinwort Benson, Distillers' merchant bank adviser, and the Takeover Panel. In it, Argyll accuses Distillers of not taking requisite care in preparing its advertisements and documents and, in so doing, of not complying with the takeover code.

The letter says: "The code requires accuracy and fair presentation in advertisements and states that the making of a misleading statement is a serious matter."

Argyll is particularly furious about a claim in Distillers' last defence document that various companies now in the Argyll Group had more than once in the past been sued successfully for involvement in the passing off of foreign products as scotch whisky.

The statement failed to make clear that the actions occurred before these companies were owned by the Argyll Group, the letter says. "The strongest action will be taken by Argyll if any such misleading statements are repeated."

FNFC declares first dividend since banking crisis in 1974

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

First National Finance Corporation, the biggest victim of the secondary banking crisis a decade ago, has completed its rehabilitation by declaring a dividend of 2.8 pence net per share, its first since 1974.

The group's accounts for the year to October will also show an unqualified auditor's report, after the final repayment of borrowings under the Bank of England lifeboat support scheme which had once reached £350 million.

The company's results, to be announced to the Stock Exchange this morning will show a 25 per cent rise in pretax profits from £17.6 million to £22.1 million.

After a charge for advance coporation tax, earnings per share are up from 13.4 to 15.5p fully diluted.

Mr Richard Langdon, the accountant brought in as chairman to nurse the company back to health, says that profits are continuing to rise and are likely to show a further increase for the current year.

Most of the group's profits come from its consumer credit division, which produced £18.4 million against £13.1 million.

The results have been brought forward, fuelling speculation that FNFC, now a potentially attractive takeover target for foreign banks or insurance companies, would itself announce an acquisition today. But Mr Wrigley says this will not happen and that, while the group is thinking of acquisitions "at this point we have nothing definite in mind."

Libya pays $100m for Italian oil firm

From John Earle, Rome

The Libyan Arab Foreign Bank's purchase of a controlling 70 per cent share in the Tamoil oil refining and distribution company, formerly Amoco's Italian subsidiary, is expected to be announced at a shareholders' meeting in Milan next Monday.

The company was bought from the Americans and renamed Tamoil in 1983 by the Lebanese entrepreneur, Mr Roger Tamraz, who put up $63 million (£43 million) and arranged financing for a further $200 million from Italian banks. But it has operated at a loss, and since last summer has been run by a court-appointed administrator.

The deal will be a second important Italian investment for the Libyans after their 14 per cent holding in Fiat. It will give them access to the Italian market for their crude through a 5 million tonne a year refinery at Cremona in the Po Valley, and a network of 850 service stations, mostly in northern Italy.

It is understood the Libyans will put up $100 million for their 70 per cent of Tamoil, while Mr Tamraz will retain 10 per cent and Asea, a holding company registered in Switzerland, will hold 20 per cent.

IN BRIEF

Market high in Tokyo

The Nikkei Dow average of share prices on the Tokyo stock exchange rose to a record high close on Saturday, with selective buying of some leading shares in a subdued first session of trading in 1986.

The average made a last-minute gain to 13,136.87, a record high finish but well below an all-time high of 13,183.25 marked in early hours of December 16. Turnover was a thin 120 million shares against a half-day total of 200 million on December 28.

Airlines, electric powers, oils and some internationally popular electricals firmed.

Kuwait minister sees market revival for Opec

Kuwait (Reuter). – The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which owns two-thirds of world crude reserves, eventually will regain control of the oil market, according to the Kuwaiti Oil Minister, Ali Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah.

"The future belongs to Opec", the Minister, a member of a five-man committee set up by the organization to recommend a new marketing strategy, told the Kuwaiti weekly *Al-Rissalah*.

He blamed non-Opec producers, who have boosted output sharply to take advantage of production cutbacks by the 13 Opec nations, for contributing to the current glut and weak prices.

But Kuwiat had secure outlets for its oil.

Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves stood at $22.2 billion at the year end, up $5.8 billion from a year earlier. The Central Bank said the increase was due to Taiwan's growing trade surplus.

Car project

Volkswagen of West Germany and the Soviet Union are having talks about a motor engine project. The talks concern the supply of a plant to build between 250,000 and 300,000 Volkswagen engines a year according to the magazine *Der Spiegel*.

Chinese branch

Standard Chartered Bank has opened a branch in China's Shenzhen special economic zone. China began allowing new branches late in 1985 but Standard Chartered has had a branch in Shanghai since 1858.

Icahn takes control of TWA board

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Mr Carl C. Icahn, the US financier and Trans World Airlines have scrapped an agreement for him to buy TWA and entered into a pact under which he controls its board, according to a TWA announcement.

The new arrangement came against a background of serious losses for America's fourth-largest airline, which Mr Icahn had agreed to buy more than three months ago following a protracted takeover battle with Texas Air Corporation.

The announcement revealed that TWA may have lost up to £140 million (£97.4 million) last year, double an earlier estimate.

Mr Icahn, who owns 52 per cent of TWA, had offered to buy the rest for $24 a share ($19.50 in cash and $4.50 in securites) under a September agreement, but had trouble obtaining the estimated $800 million he needed to complete the purchase because of investor concern about TWA's profitability.

Mr Icahn also becomes chairman of the TWA board under the new agreement. Two non-Icahn affiliated members of the board have also resigned, this giving his nominees control. Mr Icahn will raise $750 million for TWA under the new pact.

The announcement came after officials of TWA's pilots and machinists unions said they had reached agreements on new contracts with Mr Icahn. The contracts offer substantial concessions to improve the airline financially.

Drop in unemployment forecast by broker

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Government will be able to fight the next election with a small reduction in unemployment from present levels, according to stockbrokers Simon & Coates.

A clear break in the trend of unemployment occurred last April, Mr Gavin Davies, chief UK economist at Simon & Coates, says in its latest bulletin. This was due to an expansion of special employment measures and perhaps more importantly, because employment in "real" jobs has increased as productivity has slowed.

About 200,000 extra jobs are likely to emerge this year, the brokers say, 75,000 of them as a result of the changes in national insurance contributions announced in the last Budget.

There also will be about 100,000 extra places on the special government schemes.

Umemployment will fall by between 120,000 and 149,000, after allowing for growth in the labour force of 160,000-180,000, Simon & Coates said.

Unemployment at the next election will be 100,000-200,000 lower than it is now, although still nearly three times its 1979 level, the brokers say.

City economists are still debating likely tax cuts in the next Budget. In its latest bulletin Grieveson Grant, on the basis of a $23 a barrel oil price and a $1.40 pound, says there could be no room for any reductions.

Simon & Coates expects £1.75 billion of cuts next March.

Boesky stake

Mr Ivan Boesky, the New York investor, together with a group of companies he controls, said they hold an 8.1 per cent stake in Midcon Corporation. Last week Occidental Petroleum agreed to acquire Midcon for cash and stock in a transaction valued at $72.38 a share.

Farm debt level

Government preliminary figures show that US farm debt levelled off in 1985 and some main categories may have declined.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Friday's close and change on week

FT Ind Ord	1,149.6 (+26.3)
FT All Share	690.80 (+14.70)
FT Govt Securities	82.51 (–0.49)
FT-SE 100	1,429.8 (+30.9)
Bargains	19,440 (+10,222)
Datastream USM	106.65 (–1.93)
New York	
Dow Jones	1,549 (+6.20)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	13,136.87 – Saturday's close (+53.69)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1,791.23 (+60.86)
Amsterdam:	282.6 (+10.5)
Sydney: AO	1,020.3 (+23.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	2,025.9 (+88.8)
Paris: CAC	277.5 (+11.5)
Zurich:	
SKA General	504.70 (+8.7)

CURRENCIES

Friday's close and change on week

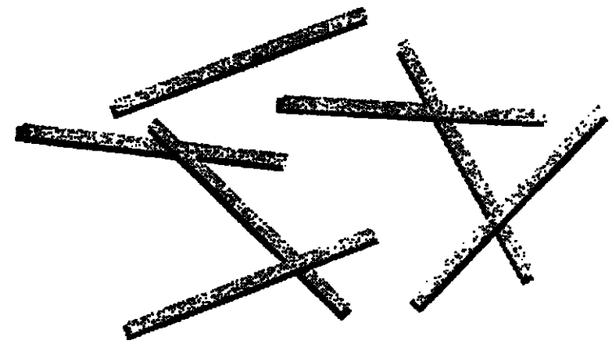
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£: Yen 291.55 (+1.32)
£: Index 78.0 (+0.10)

New York:
£: $ 1.4395 (+0.0090)
$: Dm 2.4605 (–0.0135)
$: Index 128.1 (–0.2)
ECU £ 0.614453

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – Interims: Anglo Nordic Holdings, Carclo Engineering Group, Ellis & Everard, Priest Marians, F. H. Tomkins.
Finals: none announced.

TOMORROW – Interims: Blacks Leisure Group, Gilbert House Investments, Kakuzi, London Investment Trust, Pepe Group.
Finals: A. G. Barr (final dividend), Home Group, Winterbottom Energy Trust.
WEDNESDAY – Interims: Asda-MFI Group, Bespak, Hollas Group, Stroud Riley Drummond, TR City of London (second quarter).
Finals: Abbey Panels Investments, M & G Dual Trust, Pericom International, Trifion.
THURSDAY – Interims: Sidney C. Banks, Electronic Rentals Group, Oldacre Holdings, Stewart & Wight, Thorn EMI.
Finals: Associated Newspaper Holdings, Daily Mail and General Trust, John Perkins Meats, Valin Pollen International.
FRIDAY – Interims: Peter Black Holdings
Finals: Brint Investments.



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TEMPUS

Gilts: nervous market hangs on to its cash

"Shan't!" cried London's fund managers last week, as they resolutely refused to play ball with the broking fraternity. Round about new year, the byplay in the gilts market is traditional. The brokers ring, hoping to tempt the fund managers to commit some of their January cash flows to the market, and get the year off to a rousing start, commission-wise. And the fund managers, with year-end book-squaring operations a full 12 months away, where the terrifying errors of postprandial misjudgement need to be acknowledged, normally have a go.

But not this year. Gilts spent the crucial first few hours of 1986 easing back. There were very few takers for stock. On Thursday, longs fell by ⅛ point; while on Friday, the decline extended to ½ point. Not a good start to the year.

A number of very specific parts of the general substratum to the market are now looking distinctly tatty. The Chancellor's traditional encyclical, for example, could hardly be described as cheering. Notable in Nigel Lawson's comments was the familiar – and heavily devalued – tub-thumping, mainly that growth in 1987 would be sustained by sound money and free enterprise. This was not what traders wanted to hear.

The remarks on current wage trends were not encouraging. The Chancellor merely hopes that average wage settlements will come down, relying apparently on the traditional mix of suasion and oratory which has not so far been conspicuously successful. According to the latest *Quarterly Bulletin*, labour costs are now accelerating, despite a weak labour market, and rising faster in Britain than in any other major industrial country.

And in answer to the question: "What are the prospects for a significant fall in real short-term rates?" Mr Lawson helpfully replied: "I don't know". Later he stated that nominal rates should fall with inflation. But this hardly stirred the gilts market, which fell ⅛ point on the good news.

The Chancellor's message was short, but left the market no better informed or heartened than before. Horace had a quip for this: *"Brevis esse laboro, Obscuro fio"* (I strive to be brief but I finish up as obscure). The Romans knew about these things.

The December statement of UK reserves was also highly disturbing. Reserves fell by an underlying $416 million, after a decline in November of $201 million. This was the largest adjusted fall in the level of reserves since December 1982, and it demonstrated conclusively for some, that Britain came in for real selling pressure during the oil price war with Opec last month. A drop of more than $400 million does not point to smoothing operations, but rather to a wholesale support operation. The sharp fall in the reserves explains apparently quite clearly why the Prime Minister made such a strong series of statements about sterling and interest rate levels at the height of the crisis.

Fund managers noted that the existing level of reserves is stuck after incorporating proceeds from the $2½ billion floating rate note issue, which were depostied in October. Moreover, a sizeable percentage of Britain's reserves are not in liquid form, but exist rather as gold or International Monetary Fund drawing rights. Judging by the rate at which Britain is getting through its foreign currency balances, it may be hard put to mobilize any substantial reinforcements in perhaps a year's time, should oil price fears stike sterling again.

Import cover is the short-hand description of this situation. On one reckoning, the level of mobilizable reserves may be no more than about $8 billion, or substantially less than $9 billion monthly level of imports. Most countries would feel safe with about three months' cover on this basis.

The subsequent steps in the analysis are quite straightforward. The main thrust of British economic policy is directed at securing a low inflation figure. For this reason, sterling must remain high. Oil price fears may strike again. Hence interest rates seem quite unlikely to fall, given that Britain has very little in the way of buffer money to absorb short-run speculative movements.

Fund managers reaching back into their folk memories recall that ever so many years ago, before North Sea oil was discovered, Britain was perennially hamstrung by exchange rate crises. Fears are growing that it is poised to return soon to that unhappy state of affairs. Horace is good on this kind of doleful prospect. *Cras ingens interabimus aequor"*, he writes. (Tomorrow we'll be back on the vast ocean.)

Conditions in domestic money markets imply very little leeway for the Chancellor to be flexible over rates. Last week saw the start of the expected large money market shortages. On a couple of days, these were well over £1 billion. The Bank of England's money market operators were well to the fore, and took out the shortages by spirited intervention, normally twice in the morning and once in the afternoon, followed by late assistance.

Significantly, however, the bulk of the shortages stemmed from maturing assistance, rather than flows across the money markets to the Exchequer. Unsterilized by gilt sales – current funding policy, in theory, only aims to take out the public sector component of domestic credit expansion – the relief of current shortages almost certainly points to poor broad money figures for banking January. In other words, the going is getting rougher for the authorities

Meanwhile, money market rates have shown a distinct tendency throughout the week to drift upwards, gaining 1/16 point here, 1/16 point there on odd days. Since bill rates have been tending to move in line with money market rates, this has had the beneficial effect, so far as the authorities are concerned, of reducing the arbitrage potential in the current money market: bill rate differential.

But the upward movement poses in its train a further problem, in that it leaves the Bank's intervention rates potentially out of line with market rates.

The Bank has choice here. It can either maintain intervention rates at present levels, and leave the price differential alone, effectively giving the discount houses a free gift on the yield pick-up. In the past, such preferential treatment has been widely criticized.

Alternatively, the Bank can simply raise its intervention rates, signalling in effect that the current level of rates and yields is too low. Such a move might well spell disaster for holders of stock at the short end, since the current yield level in shorts is basically predicated on further falls in rates.

A move along these lines might be sensible, given that there is little incentive to buy gilts at current yield levels. Meanwhile, stock has to be sold, if only to satisfy the severely cut down version of monetary policy now in operation.

Most likely is a wait-and-see operation by the authorities, culminating perhaps in a rapid Duke of York exercise, which would permit fairly aggressive sales of stock.

Fund managers' easiest course of action must be to sell gilts and dump the cash on the street, expanding in the process the money lake which featured so prominently in the latest *Quarterly Bulletin*. The authorities will be concerned to prevent this. Something, somewhere, has to give.

ORDINARY SHARES

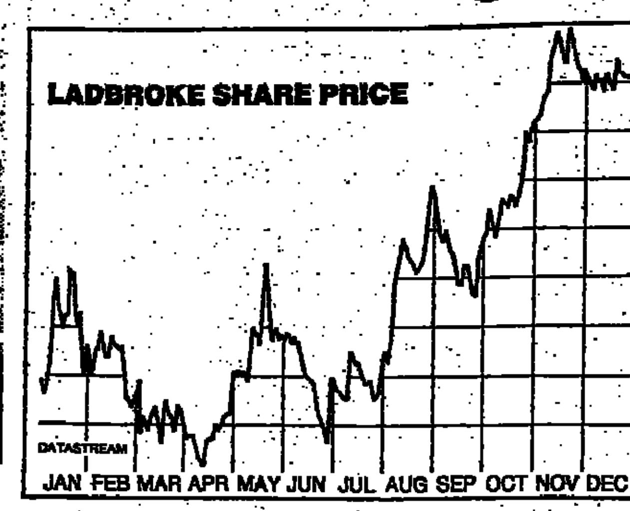
Ladbroke looks a racing certainty

The stock market has decided that Ladbroke Group, the betting, hotels, entertainments and property company headed by Mr Cyril Stein, is preparing to make a takeover bid which will add an important new division to its range of activities.

An obvious gap in its armoury is the drinks trade, and there has been considerable speculation that Ladbroke may try to correct this with a bid for a regional brewer, possibly Vaux, in the wake of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's recent permission for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries to try its luck with Matthew Brown – a deal that was in the event thwarted.



Cyril Stein



These prospects have served to highlight Ladbroke's considerable existing attractions, and it is rapidly emerging as the quality leisure stock. Several stockbrokers have upgraded their recommendations from hold to buy as the message has spread.

Short-term attention has focused on the gains Ladbroke stands to make from proposed changes in the rules governing betting shops.

Chief among these changes is expected to be permission for television to be installed in the shops, along with provision for light refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks to be served.

The likely impact of this package can be gauged from the reaction the anti-betting lobby. In a letter to *The Times* last month, Dr E. Moran, chairman of the National Council on Gambling, gave a warning that the introduction of television could produce "an increase in pathological gambling".

He did not argue that television and other amenities should be banned outright from betting shops, but that they should be made subject to the same degree of supervision as casinos, which are monitored by the Gaming Board because the action takes place in the presence of the gamblers. Until now, betting shops have been largely sanitized from the direct excitement of the race meetings themselves.

While no responsible bookmaker wants to profit from an increase in gambling's social problems, any more than brewers or distillers want to breed more alcoholics, rising standards of living make it inevitable that betting shops should be allowed to provide greater comforts for their customers.

And, as the leisure team at the stockbrokers, Kitcat and Aitken, point out, the proposed improvements should help to deter punters from dividing their afternoons between the betting shop and the local public house.

Nevertheless, the new measures, which are expected to be enacted by an Order in Council within the next couple of months, will increase betting turnover. Customers will be more inclined to stay in the shop from one race to the next, and the proprietors will be able to superimpose promotional material on the screens.

It is difficult to be accurate about the extra cash that will flow across the counters as a result, but it may be about £500 million, of which the bookmaker would keep £100 million. For Ladbroke that should add at least £2 million to profits in a full year.

However, that is not the only way in which the group is aiming to improve its take from betting. Improved communications between head office, the race tracks and the shops will ensure that changes in the odds are transmitted virtually instantaneously, backed by computerized systems to calculate the risk to the company of each possible outcome of every race. This will also save on staff costs, as prices will not have to be written manually on display boards.

Beyond those immediate prospects, Ladbroke is being buoyed by rosier prospects in its hotel and holiday activities. The London tourist boom shows no sign of slackening, barring a sudden and uncontrolled surge in sterling. The group is endeavouring to take advantage of this by upgrading its outlets in the capital.

In the provinces, where Ladbroke has nearly 50 hotels, the plan has been to add value to them with additional facilities, particularly for health and exercise – something that Trusthouse Forte has also been studying closely.

Overseas, the greatest potential lies in the United States, where Ladbroke has paid £10 million for Rodeway Inns International, one of the leading motel franchise operations. This is a highly competitive market, but the entry fee is low and it gives the possibility of importing the concept into Britain and Europe.

Some of the group's minor activities in this country may give rise to greater things, not least its foray into magazine and newspaper publishing.

Profits for the year just ended should have grown from £50.2 million before tax to more than £75 million. The new year will see Mr Stein running hard to breast £100 million for the first time. At 323p the shares yield 4.7 per cent and represent extremely good value.

William Kay
City Editor

US NOTEBOOK

Conditions set for a return to 1960s

The year 1985 was supposed to be one in which there would be a surge in economic growth in the second half, leading to a rise in interest rates and to a general malaise in the financial markets.

Instead, we experienced a remarkable boom in the price of financial assets. Between March, and December, the December T-Bond futures contract rose 30 per cent, one of the strongest booms in bond prices seen in rercent years. In fact, it seemed as if there was no bottom to demand of government paper, junk bonds, leveraged buyouts and other stock issues.

This was exactly the opposite of what the gurus and other over-paid experts of Wall Street told us would happen. There was a very good reason for this boom in financial assets.

Corporate cash flow has also been very strong.

So things did not turn out at all the way the experts told us they would turn out. As I have remarked previously, a tiny number of forecasters believed that there would be such a rally in the price of financial assets.

Back in the 1960s inflation was about three per cent and the nominal yield on medium-to-long-term government debt was about six to seven per cent. We are now in the situation where inflation is about four per cent and the yield on medium-to-long-term government debt is about eight per cent to nine per cent. So we have some distance to travel before the relationship between inflation and nominal medium-to-long-term interest rates is about the same as it was in the 1960s.

Why should we expect a return to the 1960s condition? I believe we should expect such a return because we are now in a position where there is massive world-wide excess capacity in labour, plant and equipment, energy, and other raw materials. Thus, the conditions are well established for a continuance of low rates of inflation.

Secondly, the mass of investors is becoming accustomed again to low inflation rates. After the "holocaust" of the 1970s when the value of financial assets was for all practical purposes wiped out, we have now been through a period of about four years during which investors have had an opportunity to re-accustom themselves to the traditional condition of the United States economy.

The US has also been characterized for the most part by surpluses of goods of all kinds, and by a surplus of labour due to liberal immigration policies. These conditions are now re-established, unthinkable though that may have seemed during the 1970s. Hence, I believe we are on a track back to a time when "real" interest rates will revert to the traditional one or two per cent which has distinguished the cost of money in America since the Civil War.

The result is that I expect nominal medium-and-long-term interest rates will decline over the next year or so to about six per cent or seven per cent. Some argue that the size of the federal budget deficit will prevent this from occurring. To which, I reply that, beginning in 1981, the United States has accumulated a total federal budget deficit in excess of $1,000 billion (£691.5 billion).

Yet, over this period, nominal medium-to-long-term interest rates have fallen more than 500 basis points.

Maxwell Newton

Japan 'near to new robot generation'

By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

A new generation of automated factories is about to be born in Japan, giving companies manufacturing small amounts of product access to advanced technology. It will also free the workforce of large corporations to concentrate on research and development.

These are predictions of Professor Gene Gregory, of International Business at Sophia University in Tokyo. The professor, an American, has studied the Japanese industrial revolution for the past 30 years, and has published his analysis and findings in a new book, *Japanese Electronics Technology; Enterpirse and Innovation*.

The ordinary Japanese factory now is moving towards 24-hour production, and will maintain the country's lead as one of the world's principal manufacturers. Professor Gregory says: "Robot versatility is the essential and determinant feature of the new flexible manufacturing system-

"Economies of scale in machinery production will be obtained at much lower production runs, bringing benefits of automation heretofore limited to large volume automobile and electric appliance production within reach of the vast majority of enterprises."

The result will be substantial growth in the demand for robots which will ceate a new expanding industry in Japan.

Japanese Electronics Technology: Enterprise and Innovation, by Gene Gregory (published by The Japan Times).

APPOINTMENTS

Jardine Glanvill (marine division): **Mr K. R. Alston, Mr A. N. Bond** and **Mr M. O'Donnell** have been appointed divisional directors, and **Mr M. East, Mr J. E. Mayne, Mr N. H. T. Riddle** and **Mr C. B. Whiteaway** associate directors.

Visionhire: **Mr Maurice Byron** becomes administration director.

Foster Turner & Benson: **Mr Martin Druce** and **Mr James Halfhide** have joined the board.

C. T. Bowring Reinsurance (international division): **Mr J. H. C. Maitland-Jones** and **Mr A. N. Robertson** have been made managing directors, and **Mr A. A. O'Reilly** a director.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
6,601,000	A & M Gp	13½	-½	0.6n	4.2	12.5
4,484,000	ATA Selection	48	+3	2.1n	4.5	13.0
1,995,000	Aeronite	38	..	4.0	10.5	4.7
6,223,000	Abbeycrest	95	..	3.6	3.8	13.2
6,960,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	59	+1	3.1	5.4	13.1
18.3m	Acorn Scientific	115	● ..	4.3	3.7	13.1
28.8m	Acorn Comp	40	..	..	..	2.8
912,000	Acsis	17	..	..	..	3.1
3,250,000	Adam Leisure	13	+1	..	..	1.7
31.7m	Addison Page	195	..	3.3	1.7	30.0
	Air Call	8	..	8.0	..	..
19.0m	Alida	360	+2	10.7	2.8	25.1
17.3m	Alphameric	123	-5	1.5	1.2	23.3
7,508,000	Appletree	143	..	3.6	2.5	14.1
28.2m	App Holographics	265	+20	..	..	..
	Do Wrnts	215	+30	..	..	..
11.1m	Aspen Comms	165	..	3.7n	2.2	21.2
82.2m	Aspinall	159	● +1	8.6	5.4	8.8
79.7m	Asprey	443	+5	9.5	2.2	19.0
1,248,000	Assoc Energy	18	-7	1.4	7.3	4.5
13.1m	Assoc Steel	183	+3	11.4b	6.2	10.5
3,416,000	Automagic	61	..	8.0	13.1	14.2
4,220,000	BTS Grp	82	..	5.6	6.8	9.9
4,275,000	Bedford (William)	93	-6	6.4b	7.1	10.5
8,010,000	Bennett & Fountain	13	..	0.6	4.8	15.3
1,524,000	Bensons Crisps	36	-2	..	..	4.5
7,242,000	Berkeley & Hay	8½	+¼	..	..	..
15.9m	Berkeley Exp	37	..	..	..	..
34.8m	Berkeley Gp	288	● ..	5.4	1.9	21.3
3,455,000	Bio Isolates	27	+2	..	..	..
1,503,000	Biomechanics	16	..	..	..	..
5,150,000	Blanchards	103	..	3.0n	2.9	14.4
28.2m	Blue Arrow	205	+22	0.9n	0.4	23.8
10.7m	Bluebird Toys	180	+2	4.5	2.5	24.0
40.7m	Body Shop	613	+55	3.9	0.5	87.4
4,806,000	Brainsmate	133	+1	2.9	2.2	14.8
3,872,000	Brewmaker	22	● ..	1.1	5.2	11.2
8,899,000	Brikat	185	● +5	5.7	3.1	13.2
6,962,000	Brint	170	+10	..	..	..
10.8m	Britannia Sec	82	● ..	1.8	2.2	13.4
7,686,000	Br Bloodstock	225	● -5	11.4	5.1	9.8
7,500,000	Brown (Charlie)	125	● +7	3.6	2.9	15.3
8,481,000	Bryant (Derek)	265	+5	11.0	4.2	9.3
	Bula Resources	6	+½	..	..	..
1,594,000	Business Comp	27	+2	..	..	4.5
3,376,000	CCA Galleries	143	..	3.4b	4.1	..
11.6m	CML Micro	135	-5	2.0	1.5	14.2
8,645,000	CPS Comp	35	+2	1.4	4.1	5.2
5,838,000	CPU Comp	35	+5	..	..	3.7
20.1m	CVD	160	-5	..	..	..
	Caledonian Off	280	-10	..	..	..
12.3m	Cannon Street Inv	110	+12	..	..	..
2,189,000	Carverwood	53	● -2	5.2	9.8	31.2
	Castle (G B)	6	..	..	..	..
51.3m	Central TV	213	..	15.0	7.0	8.5
11.5m	Chancery Secs	70	+1	3.1	4.5	13.3
3,460,000	Chart Foulks Lynch	67	+1	..	..	..
4,000,000	Checkpoint Europe	100	..	..	..	..
278,000	Chem Methods	8	..	3.0	37.5	..
3,767,000	Cheshire W	122	..	5.2a	4.3	17.4
1,715,000	Cifer	11	+3	..	..	1.6
4,115,000	Circaprint	78	..	1.5	1.9	8.4
27.5m	Clayform Props	221	+16	10.7	4.8	14.0
1,524,000	Clogau Gold	11	..	..	..	..
12.7m	Cliff Oil Hdgs	30	+2	..	..	..
22.7m	Cobra Emerald	72	+3	..	..	..
11.8m	Colorgen Inc	106	..	..	..	..
3,754,000	Comp Financial	115	● ..	2.9	2.5	21.1
2,886,000	Compsoft	38	-2	2.9	7.5	6.4
8,371,000	Consultants	84	..	0.5	0.6	20.3
2,533,000	Cons Tech Inns	52	..	7.1b	14.3	8.3
8,582,000	Conf Microware	335	● -5	5.7	1.7	19.7
6,247,000	Cowells	85	..	3.7	4.4	12.4
13.1m	CPU	128	..	2.5n	2.0	20.0
5,419,000	Crabtree	375	● +15	7.4	2.0	28.6
5,760,000	Cranbrook	72	+3	2.1	3.0	17.7
6,432,000	Cranswick	97	..	7.6	7.8	6.4
7,242,000	Creton Lodge	128	● +23	0.3	0.2	27.5
8,175,000	Crown Intl	86	..	8.0	5.8	26.1
5,248,000	Crusts	82	..	1.0	1.2	13.3
4,986,000	DBE Tech	53	-2	..	..	20.5
8,414,000	DDT	130	..	1.4	1.1	13.7
996,000	DJ Sec Alarms	83	● ..	1.9	2.2	9.1
5,142,000	Dalena	135	..	7.0	5.2	11.3
9,910,000	Dean Park Hotels	86	..	..	..	..
2,080,000	De Brett (Andre)	25	-1	..	..	..
11.0m	Debron	73	+5	1.4	2.0	16.5
2,520,000	Delmar	43	-3	2.6	6.1	11.7
18.7m	Dencora	111	r -1	2.9b	2.6	12.3
3,299,000	Dermalite Elec	80	● ..	5.0	6.3	8.8
7,626,000	Dewey Warren	176	+19	18.7	8.0	12.4
21.8m	Druck	343	● ..	5.1	1.5	22.1
3,964,000	Dunton	22	● +½	0.3	1.5	16.9
456,000	Do 12%	310	● ..	17.1	5.5	..
10.2m	Ealing Elect Optic	102	-1	3.1	3.1	11.8
1,134,000	Eastec	13	..	..	..	13.5
33.8m	Edin Fund	285	..	7.1	2.7	22.4
4,585,000	Edo Secs	43	+2	0.2a	0.5	..
19.2m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	251	+7	8.4	3.4	11.8
7,234,000	Electron House	123	..	3.9	3.1	19.5
4,602,000	Electronic Data P	71	+3	2.5a	3.2	18.4
16.0m	Emrex	30	+1	..	..	..
714,000	Entertainment Prod	10	-1	1.4	14.3	4.9
13.3m	Equalan	188	-3	6.4	3.4	10.1
2,856,000	Equity Finance	29	● ..	1.9	6.4	15.9
9.3,000	Do 8%	285½	● ..	8.00	11.5	..
	FB	138	..	..	..	..
14.3m	FKB Gp	161	-2	2.5	1.8	26.8
4,580,000	Fed Housing	52	..	4.4	8.5	6.4
5,312,000	Feedback	63	● +2	3.9	6.2	20.3
6,591,000	Fergebrook	23	..	4.6	17.6	2.2
8,542,000	Fertech	33	..	..	..	7.5
17.8m	Flogas	102	● ..	2.00	..	..
10.3m	Floyd Oil	35	+2	..	..	22.5
26.1m	French Conn	165	● ..	7.5	4.5	8.8
20.8m	Freshbake	75	..	2.4	3.2	47.9

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
25.5m	Fuller Smith 'A'	425	● ..	10.1	2.4	18.0
5,638,000	Gabicci	95	+4	4.0	4.2	13.8
41.9m	Garfunkels	128	+1	0.9	0.7	20.8
41.9m	Garfunkels Rest	128	+1	0.9	0.7	20.8
1,522,000	Geant (Roland)	55	..	..	..	5.1
2,940,000	GeeRosen	42	● ..	2.2	5.5	16.5
2,520,000	Gibbon Lyons	73	+3	5.9	8.0	13.3
6,340,000	Gibbs Mew	115	..	3.7	3.2	37.3
4,611,000	Gilbert House	18	..	0.7	4.4	28.4
2,040,000	Global Gp	60	● ..	3.2	5.4	14.8
7,082,000	Godwin Warren	160	● +2	4.0	2.5	19.4
8,865,000	Goodhead Print	86	..	4.3n	4.5	12.8
2,108,000	Gould (Laurence)	103	..	4.8	4.7	9.0
8,540,000	Granyte Surface	81	-2	3.0	4.9	11.1
1,100,000	Greenwich Cable	22	..	..	..	..
12.8m	Grosvenor Sq	105	..	8.8n	8.3	8.2
1,127,000	Guernsey Atlantic	167	..	3.8	1.8	62.5
1,720,000	HB Elect	43	..	1.8	4.2	14.8
6,487,000	Hampden Homecare	65	+2	2.1	3.8	16.7
18.5m	Harlow	42½	+2	1.7	4.1	12.4
5,690,000	Harvey & Thomp	136	-2	5.7	4.2	18.9
13.2m	Havelock Europa	220	● +15	3.9	1.8	37.9
22.0m	Hawtal Whiting	340	..	10.0	2.9	16.5
3,324,000	Health Care	26	..	1.1b	3.8	29.4
2,580,000	Hendren	350	..	10.7	2.7	28.4
3,405,000	Do 'A' LV	315	..	10.7	3.4	21.3
14.8m	High-Point	330	● +10	5.7	1.6	23.6
7,730,000	Highland Part	193	+10	..	..	..
1,450,000	Hobson	14	..	..	..	..
2,744,000	Hoggett Bowers	51	-1	2.1	4.2	7.4
4,252,000	Holden Hydroman	110	● ..	4.8	4.2	21.6
17.4m	Holmes & Marchant	425	+60	3.0	1.1	27.7
21.9m	Home (Robert)	152	..	3.9	2.6	12.1
20.5m	Do 'A'	142	..	3.9	2.5	11.3
25.0m	Howard Group	215	+17	8.6	2.8	15.0
2,813,000	Humbrol Elec	12	..	0.4	3.6	12.0
18.6m	Hunter Saphir	120	● ..	2.7	2.3	25.9
16.1m	Hunterprint	186	-7	6.7n	3.4	10.8
4,565,000	Hunterprint 8¾%	92	..	9.3	10.1	..
19.1m	Huntleigh Tech	225	..	2.1b	1.0	36.5
9,440,000	INSTEM	210	● +15	2.1	1.0	24.4
1,890,000	Intec	18	..	3.0	16.7	2.3
28.1m	Ind Scot Energy	115	..	..	..	6.3
4,919,000	Infrared	75	..	..	..	..
29.8m	Ins Leisure	110	● +17	0.5	0.5	25.1
17.0m	Intereurope Tech	345	..	7.7	2.2	16.8
1,205,000	Inverkton	4½	+½	..	..	2.4
208,000	Do 7½%	22	..	..	..	..
17.8m	Israel (Jack L)	220	+1	0.7b	2.2	22.5
4,633,000	JSD Comp	85	+3	2.3	2.8	19.1
35.9m	JS Pathology	260	+28	3.3	1.3	27.1
11.1m	Jaques Vert	122	-1	7.9	6.4	11.4
886,000	Jayplant	13	..	0.4	1.4	17.9
3,380,000	Jebsens	21	..	..	..	0.7
7,228,000	Johnson & Jorg	110	● ..	5.4	4.9	14.9
8,400,000	Johnstone Paints	80	● ..	5.7	7.1	7.2
3,976,000	Just Rubber	53	+7	3.9b	4.7	9.5
12.8m	KLP	265	..	3.9	1.5	28.2
8,000,000	Kent (John)	80	+2	2.1	2.7	17.1
5,502,000	Kenyon Secs	268	..	13.4	5.0	18.8
4,391,000	Kewill Systems	75	..	1.7	2.2	15.2
13.3m	Klark-Teknik	95	-3	1.4	1.5	17.3
4,886,000	LPA Ind	90	+12	4.0	4.4	11.8
3,414,000	Laidlaw	40	● +5	3.8b	8.9	10.4
3,632,000	Laidlaw Thomson	74	..	5.0	6.8	10.3
5,313,000	Lakeuts Inv	32	-2	..	..	15.8
25.0m	Lewmar	105	+2	..	..	..
8,620,000	Lon & Clydeside	95	..	3.6	3.8	13.1
7,043,000	Lorin Elect	136	● -2	7.5	8.0	8.5
9,681,000	Lysander Pet	80	● -4	2.9	2.1	14.0
3,400,000	MMT Comp	170	● ..	6.7	3.4	14.2
5,181,000	McLaughlin & Har	128	..	10.5	7.8	8.1
17.0m	Magnetic Materials	102	+4	4.0	3.9	10.9
1,584,000	Mainmet	64	+3	..	..	87.7
7,173,000	Martin (Ronald)	95	+1	4.7	4.9	12.9
1,900,000	Masterprint	18	+1	..	..	..
12.8m	Mayfair City	104	..	3.1	3.0	25.4
14.8m	Mayhew Foods	118	+3	2.8	2.3	18.0
29.9m	Meadow Farm	425	● +5	8.5	2.3	19.4
18.0m	Media Tech	173	+7	5.3	3.0	14.3
4,280,000	Mellerware	78	+2	4.3	5.5	6.5
2,484,000	Memory Comp	10	..	23.2	..	1.7
2,714,000	Memcom Intl Hdgs	83	..	5.0	8.4	3.5
11.8m	Merrydown Wine	380	● ..	7.5	2.2	16.7
12.1m	Metal Bulletin	138	● ..	6.1	4.4	18.8
2,213,000	Metal Sciences	8½	..	..	..	..
8,875,000	Metsec	71	..	..	..	..
4,575,000	Michael (John)	81	● ..	3.5	4.9	12.9
30.8m	Microfilm	370	● ..	1.4b	2.8	16.8
7,480,000	Microlease	220	● ..	2.1	0.8	39.1
7,603,000	Microvitec	28	..	4.3	2.0	12.2
3,340,000	Midland Marts	86	● +6	1.8	6.4	6.7
6,314,000	Midsummer Inns	280	● +4	5.7	6.5	11.9
5,826,000	Miles 33	268	..	3.5	1.3	18.3
9,917,000	Millward Brown	185	+3	3.5	1.5	18.9
3,083,000	Minx World	156	+3	3.8n	2.2	18.0
	Mnemos	17	..	3.3	3.4	8.5
6,069,000	Morgan Gp	121	-7	2.9	1.7	23.2
10.8m	Monks & Crane	82	+1	3.5	4.7	11.3
1,200,000	Morley (RH)	32	..	2.1	6.7	13.9
7,182,000	Morris (William)	23	..	..	..	7.2
3,980,000	Moss Advertising	105	-5	3.8n	3.3	14.4
18.7m	NMW Comp	310	● -7	7.5	2.4	22.9
7,467,000	Nationwide Leisure	68½	..	5.4	7.7	8.3
10.3m	New Ct Nat Res	31	+1	2.4	7.6	8.2
	Do Wrnts	4	-1	..	..	..
3,680,000	New England Props	16	..	..	..	7.7
835,000	Do 10%	286	● ..	1000	11.8	..
15.3m	Ninaid	14	..	..	..	..
3,400,000	Norank	94	-3	4.3n	4.8	18.1
10.8m	Norfolk	145	..	1.7	1.2	15.7
8,128,000	Norscot Hotels	107	+5	3.4b	3.2	15.2
12.0m	Nth Sea & Gen	48	+3	..	..	28.4
5,343,000	Oilfield Inspec	75	+10	2.9	3.8	34.1
	Optometrics	38	-1	..	..	..

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13.3m	Osborne & Little	191	● ..	2.9	1.5	28.2
13.6m	Owners Abroad	29½	+½	1.4	8.0	10.2
4,437,000	PCT	100	● ..	4.5	4.6	11.4
8,821,000	Pacer Systems	193	+25	..	..	..
3,250,000	Pacific Sales	65	● -3	4.3	6.6	8.6
5,330,000	Pantherella	133	● ..	5.0	3.8	14.2
13.0m	Paddield Gp	228	● -6	4.0	1.8	30.0
260,000	Paul M Lab	13	..	..	..	6.7
31.7m	Pavion	52	-1	..	..	..
13.1m	Penny & Giles	148	● +6	2.6	1.8	16.0
18.8m	Pepe Group	83	+6	4.3	5.2	10.7
4,725,000	Perfcom	87	..	2.9n	4.5	6.7
	Perkins	32	-1	2.8	2.8	7.7
11.1m	Peters (Michael)	180	+4	3.7	2.1	22.4
2,969,000	Petrogen	27	..	..	..	..
2,992,000	Piccadilly Radio	29	+2	2.9	9.9	10.7
9,676,000	Plct Pet	113	+10	..	..	15.4
1,540,000	Pineapple Dance	42	+2	..	..	11.0
1,760,000	Plan Invest	80	+18	2.6	3.3	15.3
1,199,000	Plasmec	26	-2	4.3	16.5	4.2
5,605,000	Platon	133	..	4.0	3.0	10.8
22.3m	Polypipe	184	+2	..	..	23.8
14.4m	Polytech Marlow	180	-5	5.4	3.4	22.8
16.8m	Powerline	158	+10	2.3	1.7	20.4
13.6m	President Ent	92½	-½	2.9b	3.1	20.4
8,631,000	Promotions Hse	25	+2	1.0b	3.8	15.2
3,708,000	Prontaprint	138	● -5	2.6	1.9	23.8
1,821,000	Property Tst 10p	5	..	..	..	..
1,003,000	Property Tst 8p	5	..	..	..	..
2,719,000	Prolaster	36	..	1.4	4.0	11.2
7,089,000	Quest	156	..	5.7	3.8	11.4
3,960,000	Radio City 'A'	22	-2	..	..	4.5
2,000,000	Radio Clyde	85	..	4.8	18.3	10.3
8,185,000	Radius	23	+3	3.8	4.1	12.9
6,737,000	Ranco Oil	40	..	1.8	2.5	8.7
4,561,000	Ravatt	103	-3	7.5	7.3	17.3
3,850,000	Real Time Control	55	+2	2.9	5.2	18.5
1,338,000	Reliant Motor	35	-2	..	..	29.9
3,475,000	Rivlin IDSS	78	..	0.1	0.2	..
1,640,000	Rolfe & Nolan	71	-2	5.7	8.0	7.0
7,130,000	Ruddle (G)	161	● ..	5.9	3.8	10.0
14.5m	SAC	117	+1	..	..	..
75.8m	SCUSA	128	+3	0.8	0.6	12.2
8,500,000	Sangers Photo	85	-3	2.8	3.4	21.4
10.2m	Sapphire Pet	48	+3	..	..	8.4
4,942,000	Scantro	180	..	5.3	3.3	40.0
9,589,000	Scantronic	38	● -2	1.8	2.1	28.2
27.2m	Scot Heritable	128	+15	4.0	3.1	19.0
4,644,000	Securiguard	73	+12	3.4	4.6	8.2
1,039,000	SelecTV	8	+1	..	..	..
7,462,000	Shandwick	176	+1	5.5	3.0	21.7
24.8m	Share Drug Strs	275	● +2	2.6	0.9	30.8
3,987,000	Sheldon Jones	76	..	6.6	8.7	8.5
18.8m	Sheraton Sec	23¾	..	1.3	4.8	16.8
6,049,000	Sherwood Comp	188	..	3.9n	2.3	17.7
6,651,000	Sigmex	102	..	0.8	0.7	9.5
4,980,000	Sims Catering	135	● +5	5.3	4.0	20.8
7,284,000	Sinclair (William)	155	● ..	7.5	4.8	9.7
7,688,000	Sisbas Food	138	● ..	3.6	2.6	17.8
8,558,000	Snowdon Bridge	180	..	3.9n	3.9	12.3
17.8m	Spin Bus Lease	115	..	3.8	3.1	8.6
16.1m	SW Resources	31	+2	1.0	3.2	4.4
3,610,000	Spektrum	55	..	2.5	3.0	17.2
3,254,000	Spectra Auto	95	+2	5.4	6.8	8.5
2,535,000	Spectrum	33	..	..	..	2.4
4,400,000	Stainless Metal	85	● -2	6.0	6.8	12.8
	Stanelco	18	+2	..	..	..
12.8m	Stat-Plus	180	..	3.6	1.9	24.3
7,810,000	Sterling Pub	71	..	2.9b	4.0	18.7
4,248,000	Sunleigh Elect	18½	+2	0.4	1.9	38.5
12.5m	Sutherland (ET)	85	-6	4.9	6.0	14.9
1,860,000	Swindon Pr Hosp	120	..	..	..	40.0
6,180,000	Synapse Comp	175	..	2.1	1.2	21.2
12.4m	T & S Stores	155	● +5	3.8	2.4	26.4
7,910,000	TDS Circuits	113	+5	7.0	6.2	4.9
6,442,000	TMD Advert	150	..	2.4	2.0	21.8
3,036,000	Tay Homes	57	● +7	6.4	11.3	8.6
2,850,000	Technotan	2150	..	18.5	0.1	..
3,240,000	Tech For Bus	108	+3	6.8	6.1	12.9
4,510,000	Tech Comp	285	+10	4.3	2.1	28.0
8,115,000	Telecomputing	353	● -10	2.1	0.6	18.2
11.9m	Tel Serv Inc	153	-2	2.9b	1.9	27.2
37.3m	Therm Scientific	365	● ..	5.7b	1.6	28.5
1,502,000	Thorpec	65	● +4	2.9	4.4	27.8
3,076,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	82	● ..	4.1b	7.3	8.0
8,880,000	Tod (Wm)	124	● -3	3.9	3.2	13.8
18.2m	Tops Estates	280	+5	0.9	0.4	..
2,013,000	Towngrade Sec	25	..	1.4e	3.8	37.4
7,058,000	Trade Promotion	140	+7	5.4	3.9	17.4
27.0m	Trencherwood	300	+20	6.6	2.2	14.2
8,695,000	Trilion	89	..	1.8n	1.7	13.9
8,710,000	Tyne Tees 'A'	140	..	15.0	10.7	4.9
77.1m	UDO	250	● +5	6.4	2.1	15.9
1,411,000	Utd Ceramic	68	● ..	5.0	8.6	6.7
84.0m	Utd Friendly	485	● +5	21.8	5.1	..
4,880,000	Utd Packaging	110	+7	3.8	2.5	8.6
8,800,000	Thermax	78	-7	1.4e	1.8	5.8
18.4m	Valin Pollen	480	..	8.4	0.7	89.5
7,912,000	Viewplan	73	..	1.8	2.5	1.9
4,619,000	Wayne Kerr	80	..	2.1	2.6	18.2
3,600,000	Webber Electro	83	..	3.1	3.7	12.5
2,841,000	Welpac	15½	+¼	0.4	2.9	12.5
1,858,000	West Yorkshire	85	..	5.7b	3.7	11.5
5,984,000	Westworth's Foods	91	-2	2.9	3.1	19.0
709,000	William Spal	4½	..	..	..	11.3
1,485,000	William (Flexi) Hldgs	16½	+¼	..	..	7.1
15.3m	Wingate	110	● -5	1.3	1.8	48.6
13.4m	Wold	62	-2	2.5	5.8	7.1
14.4m	Wld of Leather	180	+30	3.3	2.8	10.7
13.7m	Wyko	73	..	3.6	2.0	24.1
800,000	Xylox	4	..	3.4	4.4	11.7
13.3m	Yellowhammer	125	● +2	..	..	..
2,850,000	Yelverton	33	-1	2.3b	1.8	19.7
1,520,000	York Mount	35	..	..	..	8.7
900,000	Zygal Dynamics	18	..	3.6	9.4	10.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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80.3m	Alba	97	+1	2.6	2.5	..
341.7m	Alliance	678	+3	25.1n	3.6	..
111.6m	Amer Trust	136	+2	4.3	3.2	..
192.0m	Ang Amer Sec	226	+6	6.1	2.8	..
49.3m	Ashdown	151	+1	4.2b	2.8	..
137.7m	Atlantic Assets	112½	+2½	0.8	0.7	..
73.0m	Bankers	102	..	3.9b	3.8	..
51.3m	Berry	162	..	1.5	0.9	..
186.5m	Border & Sthrn	190	● +7	5.1	2.7	..
54.7m	Br Assets	57	+2	2.7b	4.6	..
32.5m	Br Empire Sec	32	● ..	0.7	2.2	..
230.3m	British Inv	383	● ..	22.9b	5.7	..
51.8m	Brunner	81	+2	2.7b	3.9	..
88.7m	Charter Agency	86	+2	3.3	3.8	..
112.2m	Continental	853	● +3	38.0b	4.5	..
58.5m	Crescent Japan	130	-1	1.1	0.8	..
73.3m	Derby Inc	113	..	10.0	8.8	..
14.5m	Do Cap	113	..	..	..	..
112.0m	Drayton Cons	227	..	14.3	4.4	..
23.1m	Drayton Far East	137	+1	1.6	1.1	..
120.5m	Drayton Japan	446	+10	3.6n	0.8	..
158.8m	Drayton Premier	515	-3	18.2	3.5	..
31.2m	Dundee Lon	186	● -1	7.7	4.1	..
83.0m	Edin Amer Asset	108	-4	0.6	0.6	..
352.0m	Edinburgh	129	+3	4.9b	3.8	..
52.8m	Electric Gen	232	● +4	5.6b	1.9	..
28.9m	English Int	140	● +1	6.0	3.6	..
61.4m	English Scot	77	-1	1.9	2.4	..
91.9m	English NY	114	+2	3.6	3.1	..
40.4m	F & C Alliance	91	● ..	2.5	2.7	..
78.5m	F&C Pacific	149	+3	1.3n	1.2	..
10.7m	Family	248	..	11.3b	4.7	..
93.4m	First Scot Amer	287	+2	12.9b	4.4	..
	First Un Gen	95	● ..	8.7	8.2	..
82.5m	Fleming American	500	+10	7.5	1.5	..
30.1m	Fleming Claver	301	+1	12.8	4.3	..
22.8m	Fleming Enterprise	280	+5	12.1	4.1	..
102.3m	Fleming Far East	87½	● +1	1.5	1.7	..
14.7m	Fleming Fledgling	112	+1	3.6	3.2	..
73.8m	Fleming Japan	460	● +10	6.7	1.3	..
187.9m	Fleming Mercantile	130	+¾	4.3	3.3	..
196.1m	Fleming Overseas	125	● +3	3.3	3.1	..
38.4m	Fleming Tech	168	+7	3.9	2.2	..
73.1m	Fleming Universal	322	+4	7.1b	2.2	..
378.4m	For Col	72	+3	2.9b	2.8	..
	GBC Capital	94	● +1	..	..	..
33.8m	GT Japan	127	+2	2.6	1.9	..
44.8m	General Funds	142	+1	2.7	1.8	..
63.8m	General Cons	216	+2	14.3b	3.0	..

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36.9m	Glasgow Stock	117	● +2	2.9b	2.5	..
617.4m	Globe	307	● +3	14.5	4.7	..
20.4m	Greenfriar	254	-2	2.3	0.9	..
8,880,000	Gresham House	240	..	6.3	2.6	..
88.1m	Hambros	187	● +3	6.1	3.7	..
270.7m	Hill (P)	299	● +2	13.6	4.9	..
33.4m	Invest in Success	345	+7	7.8	1.4	..
158.5m	Ivory Cap	263	+1	5.2b	2.1	..
28.4m	Japan Assets	48½	..	0.1	0.2	..
131.2m	Lake View	149	+5	3.3b	2.3	..
43.8m	Law Debenture	193	+4	6.0b	4.5	..
171.8m	Lon Merchant Sec	70	● +5	3.2	4.6	..
64.2m	Lon Trust	70	+1	3.6	4.9	..
109.8m	Merchants	107	+1	6.1a	3.7	..
128.8m	Monks	183	+3	5.4b	5.0	..
107.8m	Murray Income	151	● +1	3.4b	2.1	..
159.1m	Murray Growth	128	● +1	7.7b	3.9	..
167.8m	Murray Intl	148	+1	2.0	1.7	..
60.2m	Murray Small	217	● +4	8.4b	4.5	..
32.4m	Murray Venture	322	● +4	3.7b	1.7	..
19.9m	New Court	386	-3	7.9	2.4	..
6,601,000	New Darien Oil	65	+1	20.4	8.1	..
61.2m	1928	183	..	0.5	0.7	..
20.2m	Nthrgn Inv	31½	..	6.7	4.0	..
41.3m	New Tokyo	180	● ..	4.2b	8.2	..
83.2m	Nth Atlantic Sec	222	● +6	1.4e	0.7	..
5,730,000	Nth Sea Assets	81	● +3	4.9	1.7	..
84.3m	Nthn Amer	290	● +6	0.7	0.8	..
74.7m	Outwich	52	+5	7.7	2.7	..
6,040,000	Pacific Assets	148	● +2	4.4	3.0	..
	Do Wrnts	67	-1	..	..	..
5,823,000	Personal Assets	32	..	..	..	..
94.0m	Raeburn	365	+4	0.3	8.7	..
73.9m	River & Merc	198	..	14.1b	3.9	..
35.0m	River Plate	325	+2	7.9b	3.4	..
	Robeco	353	+3	10.7	4.8	..
	Rolinco	183	+6	..	..	..
75.7m	Romney	278	..	..	..	..
2,325.0m	Rorento	211½	..	6.6b	2.4	..
40.9m	St Andrews	119	+2	..	..	..
281.5m	Scottish	411	+6	4.0b	3.4	..
157.9m	Scot American	183	+5	6.5	2.7	..
199.4m	Scot Eastern	236	+2	6.4	3.0	..
238.9m	Scot Mtge	315	+3	2.9b	3.1	..
182.8m	Scot Nat	410	+3	10.7b	3.6	..
12.7m	Scot Nat 'A'	257	● +3	8.8	2.7	..
111.4m	Second Alliance	388	● +6	25.0	6.8	..
112.3m	Sec Of Scotland	590	+4	23.2	4.0	..
27.3m	[illegible]	140	+6	6.8b	4.8	..
	[illegible]	70	● +2	1.7b	2.4	..

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
6,005,000	Stewart Enterp	38	..	0.6	1.5	..
101.7m	Stockholders	128	● +1	4.0	3.1	..
23.5m	Tr Australia	86	..	2.1	3.5	..
85.5m	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	100	● +1	3.2	3.6	..
362.8m	Tr Ind & Gen	168	● +5	5.8b	3.5	..
80.6m	Tr Natural Res	204	● +1	10.7	5.3	..
88.5m	Tr North America	83	● +3	2.6b	3.5	..
86.4m	Tr Pacific Basin	124	+2	1.4b	1.2	..
82.1m	Tr Property	146	● +1	5.3	3.6	..
203.0m	Tr Tech	94	+2	2.5	3.8	..
133.7m	Tr Trustees	180	+2	6.3b	4.2	..
86.7m	Temple Bar	141	+3	7.1b	5.1	..
142.6m	Throgmorton	255	+6	10.7b	4.2	..
18.8m	Throg Secured Cap	304	+1	..	..	..
37.8m	Trans Oceanic	180	+1	5.5	3.4	..
58.4m	Tribune	114	-1	3.5	2.9	..
19.2m	Triplevest Inc	80	+1	14.7	18.4	..
162.2m	US Debenture	395	+5	9.2b	4.0	..
34.4m	Viking Resource	81	● +3	1.7	2.8	..
72.2m	Westpool	76	+2	2.2	2.9	..
21.4m	Winterbottom Energy	89	+4	1.0b	1.1	..
281.7m	Witan	171	● +6	4.9	2.5	..
38.5m	Yeoman	288	..	13.9b	4.7	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
7,914,000	Akroyd & Smithers	565	● +5	25.0	4.6	21.8
7,177,000	American Express	230½	● +½	..	..	..
18.4m	Argyle	38½	+1	..	..	17.1
	Boustead	46	..	..	..	..
208.4m	Britannia Arrow	138	-5	..	..	..
66.8m	Daily Mail	213½	+½	6.0	4.3	18.8
81.7m	Do 'A'	212½	+½	60.0	4.5	14.1
218.4m	Electra	212½	..	60.0	4.8	19.3
19.4m	Eng Trust	141	● +7	6.4	3.9	35.9
484.7m	Exco	38	..	..	..	..
7,864,000	Exploration	207	+6	4.6	2.2	16.5
18.5m	Framlington	68	-2	3.0	4.5	11.7
11.8m	Frost Gp	380	..	7.1	1.9	17.7
24.8m	Goode (D & M)	82	● ..	6.7	7.9	11.3
103.4m	Henderson Admin	102	..	1.5	1.5	17.8
	ICH	210	..	25.7n	2.6	34.4
177.4m	MAI	182	+3	..	..	..
185.9m	M & G	385	● +3	22.3	6.3	9.6
237.4m	Mercantile House	358	+10	19.2	3.3	32.9
40.3m	Pacific Inv Tst	352	+3	19.8	8.1	8.1
	Do Warrants	30½	+1	0.8	0.8	73.9
44.4m	Smith Brothers	170	● -2	8.3	8.5	10.8

USM REVIEW

Another casualty highlights perils of the young idea

Another Unlisted Securities Market company has gone into the intensive care unit. Associated Energy Services, which is engaged in environmental services and in distributing catering equipment, has served notice that its 1985 figures will record "a signigicant trading loss".

The first sign that AES had run into difficulties came in September when Mr Richard Gillott took over as managing director from Mr Paul Howlett, the chairman, and gave a warning that the company would "at best" break even over the year. The previous year's profits were £435,000.

But it seems that things have gone from bad to worse since the September announcement. On Monday it was disclosed that Mr Howlett had sold 2.5 million shares at 11p against a then market price of 25p. Most of the shares went to institutional clients of Heseltine, Moss & Co., the broker, which nearly two years ago launched AES on the USM.

On Friday came another announcement – that Mr Howlett, who had retained an 18.5 per cent shareholding, had stepped down as chairman and that the "significant" loss was on the horizon.

At the same time it was revealed that Mr Maurice Fullerton, the company doctor who last year lost a power battle at Windsor Securities, the insurance broker, had become chairman.

Clearly it would have been better if the AES re-organization had been announced in one package rather than dribbled out over a week.

Heseltine and AES institutional investors had pressed for last week's management changes. And the share sale, trading statement and change of chairman were all part ot the same deal. "But for a variety of reasons we were unable to make one announcement", said Mr Martin Ingram, a Heseltine partner.

The new year holiday and the fact that Mr Fullerton did not sign on the dotted line until Thursday evening were two factors cited for the delay

AES was floated at 58p two years ago. The shares later touched 88p. They are now 18p.

The AES trading debacle – at least in part because of an acquisition – has helped underline the dangers of the junior market.

With its heavy concentration of tormented high-technology companies, the USM's overall share price performance has failed dismally to match the main market.

But the blame for the market's listless display cannot rest entirely at the collective doors of the electronics sector. There has been a number of recent casualties such as **Fergabrook Group**, which has fallen from more than 100p to 26p. And Jebsen's Drilling has come down from near 200p to 21p.

By its very nature the USM will produce more upsets than the main market. It has a much wider selection of young, often relatively untried, companies than the main market. And, although much play is made that since the market began five years ago, there have been only six fatalities, the number of walking wounded, some may think, is too high.

The Datastream USM share index, which closed at 106.65 points on Friday against a 100-point base, demonstrates with vivid clarity that, since it launch the USM has, overall, displayed little growth.

With the USM expecting a record year for attracting recruits, a more positive share price performance would have been helpful.

Another USM low-flyer is **Sunleigh Electronics**, now 18½p. But things could be on the move. Cleves Investments, the USM new issue expert, has acquired about 15 per cent of the capital and clearly intends to attempt a revamp exercise.

Sunleigh is one Cleves issue which has not performed although recent speculation has helped redress the balance.

The market is convinced that Cleves has a few intriguing injections in mind for Sunleigh. Some people even believe that the company will be used as the vehicle for Cleves' own USM debut.

Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

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Nat Westminster	11½%
Royal Bank Scotland	11½%
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COMPANY NEWS

● **PRITCHARD SERVICES:** The company has disposed of its French and Belgian subsidiaries and a loss-making catering offshoot in Australia. Combined with the sales of surplus properties, total proceeds will be about £4 million, including a small amount of deferred payments.

● **ALBERT FISHER GROUP:** The company, through its wholly-owned offshoot, Northside Truck Centre, has bought Charles Sidney, the Mercedes-Benz car franchise in Bradford.

● **RTZ CHEMICALS:** The company has acquired 25 per cent of the capital of Microbial Resources. The consideration is substantially less than one quarter of one per cent of the consolidated net assets of Rio Tinto-Zinc. Microbial is a British biotechnology company, based in Theale, Berkshire, in the field of biological pest control. RTZ Chemicals is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RTZ Borax, which is owned by Rio Tinto-Zinc.

● **STEEL BURRILL JONES GROUP:** The Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund has transferred its entire holding of 1,100,000 ordinary shares in Steel Burrill Jones Group to Ensign Trust which now holds a total of 1,100,000 ordinary shares in Steel Burrill (6.25 per cent).

● **SCOT AMERICAN INVESTMENTS:** The company has purchased a further 76,500 ordinary shares in Anglo American Agriculture, increasing its holding to 780,550 shares (9.52 per cent).

● **NEW CENTURION TRUST:** The trust has acquired a further 25,000 ordinary shares in The Investment Company, increasing its holding to 53.97 per cent.

FOOTBALL: A ROUSING FINALE TO A WEEKEND WHEN THE FANFARES SOUNDED AGAIN FOR THE NATIONAL GAME

McAvennie jig of joy in last reel of television live show

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Charlton Athletic..........0
West Ham United..........1

Football returned with a blaze of drama, colour and excitement to the nation's living-rooms this weekend. After 11 goals in two FA Cup third-round ties had been seen on ITV's edited highlights on Saturday evening, Charlton Athletic and West Ham United produced a *thrilling* finale to their live version at Selhurst Park yesterday afternoon.

Lennie Lawrence and John Lyall, the respective managers, were aware that their teams carried a heavy responsibility yesterday and their representatives fulfilled their adventurous predictions. "That was as hard an away game as we've had" Lyall admitted after West Ham's victory, "but the important thing was that the match was rich in entertainment". Indeed, and it helped to dissipate the controversy at the home shared by Crystal Palace and Charlton.

Ron Noades, Palace's chairman, was as surprised as he was disappointed that their tie against Luton Town was called *off on Saturday morning*. He estimated that the decision, which he described as "a bloody joke", will cost his club some £20,000. In contrast, Charlton expect to collect £15,000 for sharing the show that was covered by the BBC.

The pitch that on Saturday was unplayably hard had become, after heavy overnight rain and relatively mild temperatures, *almost* unplayably soft. The flanks were as green and smooth as a tennis court but within minutes and expansive area around the centre was as full of divots as a driving range. Thereafter, no one travelled comfortably across the muddied pitch.

In such conditions, where control was as awkward as the footing, it was wiser to dispense with intricate decoration, one of West Ham's traditionally *appealing characteristics*. The FA Cup itself, and particularly the third round, is as equally renowned for dramatic goalmouth incidents and, as the players improvised admirably, there was to be no shortage of those throughout the afternoon.

Charlton opened and closed the first half with menacing cross-shots, from Lee and Reid respectively, which confirmed the flaws in West Ham's defence. Although the outstanding Gale and Martin are concrete towers of composure in the middle, and one of the principal reasons behind their progress in the first division so far, both of their full backs are fallible.

Whenever Charlton went out *on a wing, and especially before* the interval, West Ham were notably stretched. They were relieved to see an unguarded Flanagan mishit from close range, and even more so when *Martin's clearance, after* Lee had collected Parkes's fumble, bounced off Walford and spun narrowly past a post.

Without the aggressive Orr, injured and missing for the first time this season, West Ham's midfield was initially subdued. A Dickens header and two long-range efforts from Stewart and Walford, there troubled defenders, were their lone direct attempts in a first half that belonged increasingly to the representatives from the second division.



Stage stumble: McAvennie is made to miss his cue by Pender. (Photograph: Chris Cole).

But the balance swung with the change of ends. Although Parkes was to be troubled by a header from Gritt that finished the most attractive move of the game, and a ferocious drive from Humphrey, West Ham began to *look* the more dangerous unit, and their fearsome predators gradually rose to prominence.

McAvennie, previously hidden from public view, started by miscuing embarrassingly. After being hurt in a challenge with Pender, he sank into limping anonymity. He greeted his next opportunity, given to him by Pender's hesitation in the 50th minute, with an uncharacteristically wild stab. But he was to end by justifying his growing reputation.

When Ward's chip was sliced by Humphrey in the 88th minute, he shook off his knee complaint, burst explosively through and lobbed the ball delicately over Johns. Cottee, following up, merely nudged it in from a couple of yards to claim his 13th goal and to push West Ham into the fourth round.

In a sense television had completed a cycle. The first match other than the Cup Final to be covered live was also hosted by Charlton, who were then residing at the Valley, against Blackburn Rovers in the fifth round. History, though, was not to be repeated. Then, Charlton won by the only goal.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: N Johns; J Humphrey, M Reid, A Curbishley, S Thompson, J Pender, S Gritt, R Lee, J Pearson, M Aizzlewood, M Flanagan.

WEST HAM UNITED: P Parkes; R Stewart, S Walford, A Gale, A Martin, A Devonshire, M Ward, F McAvennie, A Dickens, A Cottee, C Parris.

Referee: B Hill (Kettering).

Gluttonous Liverpool put Norwich run in harsh perspective

By Clive White

Liverpool..........5
Norwich City..........0

Working from the premise that the FA Cup is supposed to be a great leveller, many must have felt that the odds were weighed heavily against the favourites on Saturday: Liverpool's own recently-dented form pitched against Norwich City's new, shiny success on a frosty surface that was as much home to Liverpool as Alaska. Fortunately for Liverpool, they do not listen to rumour.

I cannot think of another team in the country who would have reacted so positively in the circumstances. It would have been easier to have succumbed and blamed it on the vagaries of the hostile weather. But Liverpool are great competitors. *Besides, they were in a gluttonous* mood after five matches without a victory. It was clear that MacDonald's twenty-third minute goal would not suffice.

Not that they had anticipated a goal glut. On the contrary, they played Molby as sweeper, a role they are more likely to reserve for the Dane against the leaders of the first division than the second. One reason may be that they had chosen to play Whelan in the unfamiliar *role of left back in place of Beglin*, whose form has been suffering. With Liverpool so much on the offensive, it worked splendidly, as Whelan was able to push forward regularly into the midfield space vacated by MacDonald, who was given an *effective roving commission*.

Whereas Liverpool sought to pick out their front men as quickly as possible, Norwich attempted to zig zag their way through with short, intricate passes that demand as *much the skills of Torvill and Dean* as of a professional footballer. Yet despite Liverpool's widespread attacking success – five different players scored – the name of Rush was again conspicuous by its absence from the score sheet. As his manager, Kenny Dalglish, has remarked, Rush has lost none of his ability, only his accuracy.

The thrilling form of Walsh is an important consolation to Liverpool. Norwich never got to grips with him, until Watson, a Liverpudlian, did unfairly after an hour, and the little fellow limped off with a slight knee injury. But the damage to Norwich had been done.

Free kicks for fouls on Walsh (the *first of which be took smartly* himself) led to the opening goals, by MacDonald and himself. Norwich threatened to have a say when Grobbelaar made his first clever save after an hour from Mendham, but then, while Bruce lay injured, McMahon strode on to score the third. A fine running header by Whelan, and typical close-range opportunism from Wark, put Norwich firmly in their place, and seven consecutive Norwich *victories into harsh perspective*.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; S Nicol, K MacDonald, M Lawrenson, R Whelan, A Hansen, P Walsh (sub: J Wark), C Johnston, I Rush, J Molby, S McMahon.

NORWICH CITY: C Woods; I Culverhouse, D van Wyk, S Bruce, M Phelan, D Watson, M Barham, K Drinkell, W Biggins, P Mendham, D Williams (sub: J Deehan).

Referee: D Hutchinson (Harrogate).

Chelsea go skating through on thin ice

By David Miller

Shrewsbury..........0
Chelsea..........1

When you are obliged to play with your legs mostly positioned at 20 to four in a vain attempt to remain upright, it is not surprising, as Chelsea learned, that the ball often embarrassingly goes straight between them at 6.30. Chelsea were remarkably fortunate not to be taken to a replay at Gay Meadow and were spared by the most exceptional piece of footwork of the afternoon, ten minutes from time, by Spedie, who performed a spinning turn which would have done credit to Christopher Dean.

This cup-tie would have had no less connexion with conventional football had it been enacted on the *heaving deck of an aircraft carrier* pitching about in a gale and Shrewsbury would have equally benefitted. An iced pitch, covered in snow and with pink-powdered lines with preditably good for action, though hardly in first division-style.

Goalkeepers diving for the ball were apt to continue, on elbows and knees, towards the outer edge of the penalty area like Cresta riders. Challenging defenders and attackers gyrated past each other in opposite directions, *neither of them in* position. Five minutes before Speedie's goal, Nardiello almost scored for Shrewsbury when three defenders in front of him conveniently fell over. When Dixon slitheringly fouled an opponent, the referee pointedly reminded him the ground was frozen, as much as to say "This isn't football we are playing". It was, indeed, more Barnum than FA Cup.

Shrewsbury remains engagingly rural. The M25 comes within ten miles, but you won't find it mentioned on the road signs leaving town. Smiling, burly, red-faced fellows stood blocking public house doorways, saying "good morning" in a friendly form of verbal surveillance before allowing civil Kings Road travellers to enter, via *the cellar, through a rear door*.

"Oh, I do hate this *modern* off-side trap" said an informed home supporter beside the Press box overflow, when a Shrewsbury forward was flagged little more than ten yards from the goal line. They know, you know.

With little men like Nevin, Speedie and Hazard, Chelsea should have had an advantage; and did for 20 minutes. Then Shrewsbury, uninhibitedly, started hoofing and galloping *instead of waiting*, and this direct action produced more of the chances. Daly, an old hand, provided a lesson in how to play standing still, and McNally, Pearson, Hackett and Nardiello might all have scored. But Chelsea skated *back into the spotlight*.

Perks, diving where the ball was, found it wasn't, and Nevin shot over from an angle with Speedie, dead centre, begging for the ball. Someone next cleared off the Shrewsbury line. Then Nevin's corner fell beyond the far post at Speedie's feet. With a miraculous double-lutz, he had it in the net via Dixon's deflection before you could say Betty Callaway.

SHREWSBURY: S Perks; W Williams, D Hughes, S Cross, N Pearson, G Steven, A McNally, G Hackett, G Nardiello, C Robinson, G Daly.

CHELSEA: E Niedzwiecki; D Rougvie, K Dublin, C Pates, J McLaughlin, K Jones, P Nevin, N Spackman, K Dixon, D Speedie, M Hazard (sub: P Canoville).

Referee: N Midgley (Salford).

HOCKEY

MIM have edge on holders in final

By Sydney Friskin

Murray International Metals, from Edinburgh, won the Glenfiddich International tournament, one of the more distinguished competitions in Europe, beating the holders, Menzieshill, of Dundee, 5-4 in the final at the Bellahouston sports centre, Glasgow, yesterday. They had previously won it in 1980 and *1981*.

Like several matches in this tournament, the final provided a tremulous climax, with Menzieshill cutting the lead to 5-4 about a minute before the end. But the *strain of playing 24 matches in three* weeks eventually took its toll and they finished a little short of stamina.

MIM, who always looked sharper, were a goal down in two minutes, Cuthill having put Menzieshill in the lead. Potter soon redressed the balance and a half-time MIM were leading 3-2, by which time Christie had scored for Menzieshill, Hay and Edwards for MIM.

By midway in the second half the *Edinburgh side led 5-3 through goals* by Scoular and Hay. In between Paul Golden scored for Menzieshill, and he restored their hopes with a goal which came a little too late. Phillip Shier, the Avoca goalkeeper, received the award for the player of the tournament.

St Albans the English champions, did not live up to the promise shown on Saturday and finished fourth after being beaten 7-4 by Avoca, of Dublin, in the play-off. Giles scored two goals and Halliday and Ashby one each for St Albans who were comprehensively beaten 5-2 by MIM in the semi-finals.

RESULTS: Group A. Menzieshill 5 Indespension Trailers 4, Amiens 5 St Albans 4; St Albans 5, Menzieshill 5; Indespension Trailers 6, Amiens 5, Menzieshill 11, Amiens [illegible]; St Albans 5, Indespension Trailers 1. Group B: MIM 9, Firebrand 6, Avoca 9, Groningen 5, Groningen 5, MIM 7, Firebrand 4, Avoca 6, Groningen 10, Firebrand 6, MIM 4, Avoca 4. Semi-finals: Menzieshill 5, Avoca 4; MIM 5, St Albans 2. Final: MIM 5, Menzieshill 4. Seventh place: Amiens v Indespension Trailers [illegible]. Fifth: Firebrand 5, Groningen 2. Third: Avoca 7, St Albans 4.

Leaders show heart to come back

By Hugh Taylor

Heart of Midlothian, the League leaders, staged a fierce comeback in the second half at Fir Park to beat Motherwell and extend their astonishing *unbeaten run to 15* games. While they deserved the points which keep them four ahead of their nearest challengers, they found the opposition provided by a club who appeared doomed to remain at the bottom of the premier division so formidable that they had to call on all their determination and a slice of luck before they won 3-1 on a frost-bound surface.

Motherwell went in at half-time leading by a goal gloriously scored by Reilly and the supporters of Hearts had fears of a repeat of their defeat at Fir Park earlier in the season until, that is, they were given an unexpected break in the fifty-seventh minute. A Motherwell defender was woefully short with a pass-back to his goalkeeper and Ian Jardine stepped in to score. After that Hearts took command and Berry and Robertson scored the other goals.

But the threat of Dundee United is growing more ominous. A stunning display by the team who are the most exciting in the country saw them outclass Celtic and win 4-2 at Tannadice. The victory keeps United alongside Aberdeen in second place but Celtic, who have lost three times this season to their Dundee rivals, have slipped into fourth position.

So outplayed were Celtic in the first half that they found themselves down 4-1 at the interval. That they were not completely overrun was due only to their fighting spirit, for they were far behind United in skill and imagination. United's goals were scored by Dodds (two), Gallagher and Bannon (penalty) with McClair claiming two for Celtic.

At Ibrox, Rangers kept a toe-hold in the race for the championship with their biggest and best victory of the season so far, a 5-0 win over Dundee. It was their first win at home since *1983* over *opponents* who had become something of a bogy side and was notable for a remarkable display of sharp-shooting from McCoist, who scored three goals and strengthened his claim for a place in Scotland's World Cup squad. Williamson and Fleck were the other marksmen and the win was achieved without Cooper, the international winger.

Aberdeen, too, have regained more sparkling form. After a stutter *they* are back in the final chase, playing splendidly in key positions to beat St Mirren 3-1 at Pittodrie.

Aberdeen remain favourites to win the Scottish Cup after the draw for the third round, which was made at Ibrox on Saturday. The tie of the round rests between Hearts and Rangers at Tynecastle.

THIRD ROUND DRAW: Hamilton Academicals v Forfar Athletic, Ayr United v Stenhousemuir or Whitehill Welfare, Airdrieonians v Partick Thistle, Queen's Park v Dumbarton, Heart of Midlothian v Rangers, Dundee United v Morton, Peterhead or Arbroath v Clyde, Motherwell v Brechin City, Berwick Rangers v Alloa Athletic, Aberdeen v Montrose, Clydebank v Falkirk, Kilmarnock v Fort William or Stirling Albion, Hibernian v Dunfermline Athletic, East Fife v St Mirren, Nairn County or Meadowbank Thistle v Dundee, Celtic v Hawick Royal Albert or St Johnstone. Ties to *be played on January 25*.

Rovers lead the celebrations

A combination of bad weather, delayed fixtures and players' sheer refusal to give up when the FA Cup is at stake meant that by 4.45 on Saturday afternoon only 13 of the 32 places available in the fourth round of the competition had beenfilled (Simon O'Hagan writes).

The sound of ring-pulls popping and victory songs in the bath may have been *rather thinly spread, but* in the dressing rooms of Bristol Rovers, Peterborough United and Brighton it was no doubt still deafening. All these teams took on supposedly superior opposition and beat them.

On a day when the giant-killing was on a more modest scale than is usually the case at this stage, Bristol Rovers' achievement would nonetheless have stood out in any season, a third division club beating one from the first, Leicester City, and doing it entirely on merit.

Rovers won 3-1, their goals from Morgan (two) and Stephenson coming in a 24-minute spell in the second half.

Peterborough, of the fourth *division, had a 1-0 win over second* division Leeds United that was the very stuff of Cup drama, Turner, the Peterborough goalkeeper, breaking his leg three minutes after his team's substitute, Shepherd, had given his side a sixty-seventh minute lead. Pike took over in goal, still Leeds could not find a way through, and in his frustration at having a last-minute equalizer disallowed for offside, Sellars was sent off.

Newcastle United have an FA *Cup reputation which is part* glorious and part disastrous. They chose to live up to the second part



Nicholas: three goals

on Saturday when they overran Brighton from the second division and still managed to lose 2-0.

On the face of it defenders did not play much of a part at Portman Road, where Ipswich Town and *Bradford City drew 4-4*, or at Grimsby Town, where Arsenal won 4-3. Three times Bradford led Ipswich in the first half and three times Ipswich equalized. D'Avray finally put Ipswich in front after 72 minutes, but with 12 minutes left a penalty by Abbott took the game to a replay at Odsal. Arsenal's victory was largely due to Nicholas, who scored three goals.

Tottenham Hotspur prevented their season slipping even deeper *into its trough when Chiedozie*, making a comeback, equalized with 14 minutes to go at Oxford United.

Aston Villa left their equalizer at Portsmouth even later. Birch making it 2-2 with a minute left. The referee made news here too, sending off Portsmouth's Gilbert and booking seven other players. Both the non-League clubs whose games went ahead reached the end of the road, Wycombe Wanderers losing 2-0 at York City and Frickley Athletic going down 3-1 at home to Rotherham United.

17 FA Cup ties still undecided

Seventeen FA Cup third round ties remain undecided as the draw for the fourth round takes place today. Two ties that should have taken place yesterday, Stoke City against Notts County and Middlesbrough against Southampton, were postponed because the pitches were unfit. The new dates are tomorrow and on Wednesday respectively. Middlesbrough's match had already been postponed from Saturday.

All the other matches postponed on Saturday bar one will be played tonight. Manchester United will play Rochdale tomorrow. The full list of ties yet to be decided is:

TODAY: Birmingham City v Altrincham; Bury v Barnsley; Carlisle United v Queen's Park Rangers (7.45); Crystal Palace v Luton Town (7.45); Oldham Athletic v Orient; Sheffield United v Fulham; Sheffield Wednesday v West Bromwich Albion.

TOMORROW: Manchester United v Rochdale; Blackburn Rovers v Nottingham Forest; Plymouth Argyle v Hull City; Reading v Huddersfield; Stoke City v Notts County.

WEDNESDAY: Aston Villa v Portsmouth; Bradford City v Ipswich (at Odsal); Derby County v Gillingham; Middlesbrough v Southampton; Tottenham Hotspur v Oxford United (8.00).

Stevens to the rescue

Everton..........1
Exeter City..........0

Gary Stevens rescued last year's FA Cup finalists Everton from the humiliation of a replay with Exeter City with a goal 10 minutes from the *end of this* FA Cup third round tie yesterday. Stevens scored with a low 20-yard shot to finally break the battling and well organized Exeter defence.

Everton attacked for the full 90 minutes, but their makeshift midfield lacked any *invention* and the steady stream of high balls into the penalty box was easily dealt with by the big Exeter defenders Nick Marker, Aiden McCaffery and Keith Viney.

On the six occasions when Everton did manage to break through before the decisive goal came, nothing went right for them. With 23 minutes gone Exeter's goalkeeper John Shaw did well to tip Sharp's shot over the bar, and he repeated the save 10 minutes later to deny Lineker. Early in the second half Sharp headed wide.

Yet the best chance of all fell to the Exeter captain, Alan Crawford. Ratcliffe misjudged a long, high *through* ball from Viney, but by the time Crawford managed a chip shot, Southall had sprinted from his goal to block the shot with his body.

Derby's massed ranks stifle game

By Simon O'Hagan

Gillingham..........1
Derby County..........1

Much had been *expected of a* tie between two of the third division's best sides: Gillingham, lively, skilful and with a growing reputation for FA Cup exploits; Derby County, powerful, experienced and with more of a second division look about them. The match never caught light, though, and even a crowd of 8,983, almost twice Gillingham's previous best of the season, failed to create the atmosphere the occasion demanded.

Derby, who have a formidable home record, must be favourites to win the replay on Wednesday, when they will doubtless be required to play with a little more flair than they could muster on Saturday. For the most part their packed defence and midfield had a deadening effect on the game and the opposition.

Any inclination Derby might have had *to go forward disappeared* after the twentieth minute when some fairly inept defending allowed them to take the lead. Garner gathered a clearance on the edge of the area and, with his back to goal, was given far too much time to turn and shoot into the corner of the net.

Gillingham's attempts at playing constructive football were repeatedly thwarted by Derby's massed ranks and while the scurrying figure of Cochrane was everywhere to be seen, his runs seemed to confuse his team-mates as much as they did the opposition. When openings did fall to Weatherly and Shearer their shots were saved with splendid agility by Wallington.

Gillingham soon resorted to an aerial assault on the Derby goalmouth, where Cascarino, the Republic of Ireland international forward, was involved in a standing jump competition with Hindmarch and MacLaren for most of the afternoon. Cascarino can justly claim to have won it, for it was his header from Oakes's 68th minute free kick that sent the ball back across the face of the goal and gave Robertson the chance to equalize.

GILLINGHAM: R Hillyard; M Sage, K Elsey, K Oakes, M Weatherly, J Hinnigan, T Cochrane, D Shearer, M Robinson, D Mehmet (sub: D Byrne), A Cascarino.

DERBY COUNTY: M Wallington; P Blades, S Buckley, G Williams, R Hindmarch, R MacLaren, G Micklewhite, T Christie, A Garner, J Gregory, J Chandler (sub: G Harvey).

Referee: J Ashworth (Leicestershire).

Millwall find way to deal with aerial bombardment

By Paul Newman

Millwall..........3
Wimbledon..........1

Almost any victory, and especially one *in a knock-out* competition, is certain to give satisfaction to a manager, but George Graham, of Millwall, drew particular pleasure from his side's win in the third round of the FA Cup at the Den on Saturday.

Respectful of the threat that Wimbledon's up-and-at-'em style posed, Graham had taken the trouble to watch them twice. Impressed by what he had seen, he spent more of his time than he would usually like in training last week on discussing the opposition's qualities and consequently adapting his side's tactics.

The result was such a clear-cut victory that it was difficult to *believe that Wimbledon lie* 15 places above Millwall in the second division table. "It was like men against boys", Dave Bassett, Wimbledon's admirably frank manager, said afterwards.

Nutton and Walker, Millwall's central *defenders looked completely* at ease under Wimbledon's usual aerial bombardment and the visitors appeared totally bereft of any other attacking ideas. Defensively, their offside tactics proved thoroughly inadequate as Millwall players either set out on runs from deep positions or took on opponents with the ball at their feet.

Lovell put Millwall ahead from close range after 10 minutes. Fashanu provided the second with a 20-yard drive 25 minutes later and Walker scrambled the third a quarter of an hour from the end. *Gage's angled shot after 89 minutes* gave Wimbledon a consolation goal they did not deserve.

What was most surprising about Wimbledon's display was an apparent lack of the sort of qualities – endeavour, commitment and determination – which have been the conerstones on which their recent success has been built. "Millwall wanted to win more than we did", Bassett said, adding that he was ordering the players to attend a team talk, yesterday *morning* to discuss the performance.

MILLWALL: P Sansome; K Stevens, P Hinshelwood, L Briley, A Walker, M Nutton, S Lowndes, R Wilson, J Fashanu, S Lovell, A Otulakowski.

WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; J Kay, N Winterburn, S Galliers, M Smith, D Martin, S Evans, A Cork, I Holloway, W Downes (sub, K Gage), G Hodges.

Referee; H King (Merthyr Tydfil).

Consolation is drawn by Britain

Dubai, United Arab Emirates (AFP) – Great Britain already beaten 1-0 by Pakistan and 4-1 by *India, staged a second-half rally to* draw 3-3 with the Olympic Games silver medal winners West Germany in the invitational four-nation tournament here yesterday.

The Germans, who beat the world and Olympic champions Pakistan 4-2 in a replay of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic final on Saturday, led 2-1 at the interval.

Britain, beaten by West Germany in the Olympic Games semi-finals, had drawn 1-1 with the Germans in the Champions Trophy in Perth, Australia, in November when they took the silver medal.

However, they arrived here without time to acclimatize and, in spite of conceding four goals to the lively Indian forwards, all their matches have been close affairs.

Pakistan were playing India last night in the final match, and their 2-2 draw was enough to give India the title on goal difference. All four teams now move on to Kuwait for a similar tournament, but on artificial pitches.

RESULTS: Pakistan 1, Great Britain 0; India 1 West Germany 1; India 4, Great Britain 1; West Germany 4, Pakistan 2; Great Britain 3, West Germany 3; India 2, Pakistan 2.

YACHTING

Bond syndicate runs into more problems

Fremantle – Alan Bond's America's Cup defence syndicate seems to be carrying their run of bad luck in December through to the New Year. A series of collisions last month put both their yachts Australia II and Australia III out of action for a while (John Roberson writes). No sooner were they back afloat than Australia II's mast was broken in a dockside accident. On Friday the mast of their new yacht, Australia III, was badly bent.

On returning to her dock the back stay was removed and suddenly the mast toppled forward. Although Warren Jones, the syndicate's director, made light of the *accident two broken masts within* two weeks would upset anyone's training schedule.

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SQUASH RACKETS

Harris staves off fatigue to retain cup

By Colin McQuillan

Del Harris, a remarkable 16-year-old player from Essex, yesterday won his second successive Drysdale *Cup final with a display of fighting* skill and courage which placed him emphatically at the head of an England squad developing encouraging momentum towards the world junior championships in Australia next spring.

At Cannon's Club in London, Harris defeated Matthew Oxley, an 18-year-old from Cambridge, 6-9, 9-5, 1-9, 10-9, 9-0 in 37 minutes to overcome Paul Gregory in a semi-final which at one stage of the fifth game had both players reduced by cramp to immobility.

Harris last year became the youngest winner of the event at 15

Oxley set out to exploit Harris's hard match the previous evening and at 2-1 and 7-2 in the fourth game, it seemed that the tactics were about to pay off. However, Harris, match point down at 8-9, halted the momentum of his opponent when changing rackets for a broken string. He saved matchpoint with a *wonderfully adventurous* cut drop, clinched the game 10-9 and went on to win the fifth 9-0 in seven minutes.

RESULTS: quarter-finals: (GB unless stated): R Graham bt T Slaney 10-8, 5-1, 10-8; M Oxley bt M Cairns 0-9, 9-0, 9-0, ret; D Harris bt S Bult (*Can*) 8-7, 9-5, 9-1; P Gregory bt D Walker 9-3, 9-5, 9-4. Semi-finals: Oxley bt Graham 10-3, 9-1, 9-1; Harris bt Gregory 9-7, 10-9, 7-3, 3-9, 9-7. Final: Harris bt Oxley 6-9, 9-5, 1-9, 10-9, 9-0. GIRLS: quarter-finals: F Geaves bt C Mac 9-0, 9-2, 9-3; D Yardy bt L Walshaw 9-5, 9-4, 9-2; G MacFie bt G Tunney 2-9, 2-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-4; F Hu Lum (Sing) bt S Wright 9-2, 9-0, 9-0.

FA Cup third round

Birmingham City	P	Altrincham	P
Bristol Rovers	3	Leicester City	1
Bury	P	Barnsley	P
Carlisle United	P	QPR	P
Coventry City	1	Watford	3
Crystal Palace	P	Luton Town	P
Frickley	1	Rotherham United	3
Gillingham	1	Derby County	1
Grimsby Town	3	Arsenal	4
Huddersfield Town	0	Reading	0
Hull City	2	Plymouth Argyle	2
Ipswich Town	4	Bradford City	4
Liverpool	5	Norwich City	0
Manchester United	P	Rochdale	P
Middlesbrough	P	Southampton	P
Millwall	3	Wimbledon	1
Newcastle United	0	Brighton	2
Nottingham Forest	1	Blackburn Rovers	1
Oldham Athletic	P	Orient	P
Oxford United	1	Tottenham	1
Peterborough	1	Leeds United	0
Portsmouth	2	Aston Villa	2
Sheffield United	P	Fulham	P
Sheffield Wed	P	West Bromwich	P
Shrewsbury Town	0	Chelsea	1
Sunderland	2	Newport County	0
Walsall	1	Manchester City	3
Wigan Athletic	3	Bournemouth	0
York City	2	Wycombe	0

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich Hamlet 1, Barking 1; Worthing 1, Wokingham Town 2. First division: Aveley 1, Grays Athletic 3; Boreham Wood 2, St Albans City 1; Bromley 3, Leytonstone/Ilford 0; Harlow Town 2, Chesham United 3; Lewes 0, Hornchurch 0; Oxford City 5, Tilbury 3; Wembley 1, Maidenhead United 2. Second division, North: Barton Rovers 0, Berkhamsted Town 1; Chalfont St Peter 0, Stevenage Borough 2; Cheshunt 2, Wolverton Town 1; Kingsbury Town 1, Hertford Town 0; Letchworth Garden City 2, Clapton 2; Rainham Town 0, Saffron Walden Town 0; Royston Town 2, Haybridge Swifts 4; Tring Town 3, Harefield United 0; Ware 1, Vauxhall Motors 1. Second division, South: Newbury Town 1, Feltham 2.

Third division

Blackpool	P	Lincoln City	P
Bristol City	P	Doncaster Rovers	P
Cardiff City	1	Brentford	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	25	20	2	3	43	22	62
Derby County	22	12	7	3	45	18	43
Plymouth Argyle	25	12	6	7	45	33	42
Doncaster Rovers	26	11	8	7	28	31	41
Blackpool	25	11	7	7	47	29	40
Walsall	23	12	4	7	45	31	40
Gillingham	24	11	7	6	44	30	40
Wigan Athletic	24	11	6	7	40	28	39
Notts County	24	11	6	7	39	30	39
Brentford	24	11	6	7	26	27	39
York City	24	11	4	9	41	30	37
Rotherham United	25	8	8	9	31	31	32
Bristol City	24	8	8	8	30	35	32
Chesterfield	24	7	8	9	28	30	29
Bury	24	7	7	10	37	35	28
Bournemouth	25	8	4	13	37	38	28
Bristol Rovers	23	8	4	11	30	42	28
Bolton Wanderers	24	7	5	12	24	33	26
Cardiff City	26	7	5	14	33	48	26
Newport County	23	4	12	7	22	26	24
Darlington	24	6	6	12	39	57	24
Lincoln City	25	4	9	12	30	51	21
Wolverhampton	25	5	5	15	32	60	20
Swansea City	24	5	4	15	19	45	19

IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 0, Crusaders 1; Cliftonville 0, Carrick 0; Coleraine 4, Newry 1; Distillery 0, Ards 2; Glenavon 0, Ballymena 2; Linfield 2, Portadown 0.

COMBINATION: Arsenal 3, Luton 0; Tottenham 2, Oxford 0.

GOLA LEAGUE: Bath 1, Maidstone 1; Boston 3, Dagenham 0; Dartford 5, Barnet 3; Enfield 3, Stafford 1; Kettering 0, Scarborough 0; Nuneaton 0, Barrow 1; Telford 2, Wealdstone 1; Weymouth 1, Kidderminster 2.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United 1, Wantage Town 0; Hounslow 2, Fairford Town 1; Pegasus Juniors 5, Rayners Lane 4; Thame United 1, Maidenhead Town 1.

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Farnborough Town 2, Waterlooville 0; Petersfield United 7, Blackfield & Langley 2.

Fourth division

Halifax Town	1	Crewe Alexandra	0
Mansfield Town	P	Hartlepool United	P
Port Vale	0	Preston North End	1
Scunthorpe United	P	Northampton	P
Tranmere Rovers	3	Swindon Town	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	25	16	1	8	35	26	49
Chester	24	13	8	3	51	25	47
Mansfield Town	24	13	5	6	46	28	44
Hartlepool United	23	13	3	7	39	29	42
Port Vale	25	11	7	7	38	21	40
Orient	24	11	7	6	42	30	40
Southend United	24	11	7	6	40	38	40
Stockport County	25	11	7	7	39	37	40
Burnley	25	11	5	9	39	34	38
Rochdale	23	11	5	7	34	34	38
Colchester United	24	11	3	10	46	39	36
Hereford United	25	10	5	10	41	38	35
Tranmere Rovers	24	10	4	10	52	37	34
Northampton	23	9	6	8	51	32	33
Peterborough	24	7	9	8	33	38	30
Aldershot	24	8	5	11	32	36	29
Wrexham	23	7	7	9	32	40	28
Exeter City	22	7	6	9	24	30	27
Cambridge United	26	7	4	15	36	57	25
Scunthorpe United	24	5	9	10	23	30	24
Halifax Town	25	5	8	12	30	45	23
Preston North End	25	6	5	14	31	51	23
Crewe Alexandra	24	5	6	13	24	40	21
Torquay United	23	3	4	16	19	54	13

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: League Cup, first round: Pagham 2, Lancing 5; Ringmer 3, Albion United 1. First division: Shoreham 1, Horsham YMCA 2; Three Bridges 3, Portfield 1; Whitehawk 1, Chichester City 0.

SUSSEX ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES CHARITY CUP: Third round: Arundel 0, Steyning Town 0 (aet); Eastbourne Town 2, Burgess Hill Town 0; Peacehaven and Telscombe 3, Littlehampton Town 2.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Baldock 2, Irthlingborough 2; Bourne 1, Eynesbury 0; Brackley 0, Arlesey 0; Raunds 1, Stotfold 1; Wootton 3, S and L Corby 0.

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Third Round: London 2, Northants 3; Sussex 0, Herts 2.

Scottish Cup Second round

Fort William	0	Stirling Albion	6
Nairn County	P	Meadowbank	P
Queen's Park	2	Albion Rovers	1
Stenhousemuir	0	Whitehill W	0
Stranraer	1	Berwick	2
Threave Rovers	0	Dunfermline	5

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	3	St Mirren	1
Dundee United	4	Celtic	2
Hibernian	2	Clydebank	3
Motherwell	1	Hearts	3
Rangers	5	Dundee	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts	23	12	6	5	37	24	30
Aberdeen	21	10	6	5	41	20	26
Dundee United	20	10	6	4	31	18	26
Celtic	20	10	4	6	30	23	24
Rangers	22	9	5	8	31	24	23
Dundee	22	8	5	9	23	34	21
St Mirren	20	8	2	10	28	33	18
Hibernian	20	6	5	9	29	37	17
Clydebank	23	5	5	13	20	40	15
Motherwell	19	3	4	12	17	34	10

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Bowers United 1, Eton Manor 2; Ford United 1, Wivenhoe Town 0; Halstead Town 3, Coggeshall Town 3; Witham Town 5, East Thurrock 2.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: BAe Weybridge 7, Cranleigh 1; Chobham 2, Farleigh 1; Farnham 3, Malden Vale 0; Fleet 0, Westfield 2; Frimley Green 2, Virginia Water 0; Godalming 4, Horley Town 1.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Bangor 1 Worksop 0; Chorley 0 Burton 5; Morecambe 0 Matlock 1; Rhyl 1 Macclesfield 0; Southport 3 Goole 1; Workington 2 Buxton 1.

Scottish first division

Airdrieonians	P	Alloa Athletic	P
Brechin City	P	Hamilton	P
Clyde	P	East Fife	P
Falkirk	P	Ayr United	P
Kilmarnock	1	Forfar Athletic	0
Montrose	1	Morton	1
Partick Thistle	P	Dumbarton	P

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	21	12	6	3	45	23	30
Kilmarnock	23	11	5	7	35	30	27
Forfar Athletic	22	9	7	6	27	25	25
Dumbarton	20	9	6	5	31	23	24
Falkirk	21	8	5	7	30	19	23
Brechin City	19	10	3	6	32	24	23
Clyde	19	6	8	5	22	24	20
Partick Thistle	20	6	7	7	26	33	19
Airdrieonians	20	6	6	8	29	24	18
East Fife	22	4	10	8	22	29	18
Montrose	22	4	9	9	28	32	17
Morton	23	5	7	11	29	43	17
Alloa Athletic	19	5	6	8	27	31	16
Ayr United	21	5	5	11	21	39	15

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bedworth 0 Chelmsford 3; Corby 2 Alvechurch 2; Dudley 3 Crawley 1; Fisher 1 Welling 3; Folkestone 0 Shepshed 1; Gravesend 0 Aylesbury 0. Midland division: Bilston 3, Rushden 3; Grantham 2, Bromsgrove 2; Wellingborough 1, Oldbury United 0. Southern division: Canterbury City 1, Ashford 0; Corinthian 1, Trowbridge 2; Dorchester 4, Dover Athletic 3; Dunstable 2, Burnham and Hillingdon 0; Hastings 0, Erith and Belvedere 0; Thanet 1, Sheppey 1; Tonbridge 4, Chatham 2.

S E COUNTIES LEAGUE: Div One: Arsenal 1, Chelsea 0; Gillingham 1, Watford 2; Millwall 0, Southend 1; Norwich 2, Portsmouth 1; West Ham 3, Fulham 1. Div Two: Colchester 3, Tottenham 1; Luton 1, Southampton 3; Southend 2, Brighton 2.

Scottish second division

Queen of South	2	East Stirling	1
St Johnstone	1	Arbroath	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queen of South	19	13	5	1	40	12	31
Dunfermline	18	12	5	1	47	24	29
St Johnstone	19	11	2	6	36	24	24
Meadowbank	20	8	8	4	35	24	24
Queen's Park	20	10	4	6	27	22	24
Arbroath	20	9	5	6	29	26	23
Cowdenbeath	19	7	6	6	31	28	20
Stirling Albion	20	7	4	9	25	23	18
Raith Rovers	18	5	5	8	34	35	15
Stenhousemuir	18	6	2	10	33	43	14
Berwick	19	3	7	9	24	35	13
East Stirling	19	5	3	11	18	30	13
Stranraer	20	5	3	12	22	37	13
Albion Rovers	19	2	3	14	18	55	7

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Brantham 1, Thetford 1, Chatteris 0, Harwich and Parkeston 1; Ely 0, Sudbury 0; Felixstowe 2, Bury 4; Great Yarmouth 4, Histon 2; Haverhill Rovers 5, Clacton 1; Lowestoft 3, Braintree 0; March 1, Tiptree 0; Wisbech 6, Colchester United Res 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bentley Victoria 3, Emley 1; Boston 2, Ilkeston Town 1; Bridlington Trinity 0, Belper Town 3; Denaby 2, Appleby Frodingham 2.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Camberley Town 2, Leatherhead 4; Kingstonian 2, Epsom & Ewell 0; Metropolitan Police 3, Ash United 1; Redhill 1, *Chertsey 2*; Sutton United 1, *Croydon* 1; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Molesey 0; Walton and Hersham 4, Banstead Athletic 2.

SPARTAN LEAGUE: League Cup Second Replay: North Greenford 1, Edgware 2; Premier Div: Brimsdown Rovers 1, Crown and Manor 0; Danson 4, Amersham 2; Swanley 0, Pennant 2.

NW COUNTIES LEAGUE: Winsford 1, Clitheroe 0.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 1, Liskeard 2; Clandown 1, Exmouth 2; Dawlish 0, Bideford 3; Melksham 0, Paulton 0; Minehead 2, Weston-super-Mare 2; Taunton 5, Shepton Mallet 2. League Cup: Chippenham 3, Westbury 2; Torrington 6, Chard 2.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brentwoods 1, Old Carthusians 1, Old Foresters 0, Lancing O.B. 4; Old Malvernians 2, Old Cholmeleians 0. First division: Old Etonians 3, Old Wellingburians 1, Old Wykehamists 5, Old Citizens 0.

● All other matches postponed.

Yesterday's results

FA Cup
Third round

CHARLTON (13,037)	(0) 0	WEST HAM Cottee	(0) 1
EVERTON Stevens (22,726)	(0) 1	EXETER C	(0) 0

POSTPONED: FA Cup Third round: Middlesbrough v Southampton; Stoke v Notts County. Third division: Darlington v Wolves.

Friday's results
FOURTH DIVISION: Colchester United 4, Hereford United 1, Southend 2, Burnley 3.

FIRST DIVISION: K Dixon (Chelsea), 22; G Lineker (Everton), 21; F McAvennie (West Ham), 19; J Aldridge (Oxford), 17.
SECOND DIVISION: F Bunn (Hull), 15; K Drinkell (Norwich), 15; G Hobson (Grimsby), 14; N Morgan (Portsmouth), 14; K Bertschin (Stoke), 14.

1-1, 2-1½, 3-1½, 4-1½, 5-1½, 6-1, 7-3, 8-3, 9-2, 10-1, 11-1½, 12-3, 13-3, 14-1, 15-3, 16-1½, 17-1, 18-1, 19-1, 20-1, 21-3, 22-1, 23-1, 24-1, 25-2, 26-1½, 27-1½, 28-1, 29-1½, 30-1½, 31-1, 32-1, 33-1½, 34-1½, 35-1, 36-1, 37-1½, 38-3, 39-1, 40-1½, 41-1, 42-1, 43-1½, 44-1½, 45-1, 46-1, 47-3, 48-1, 49-1, 50-1, 51-3, 52-1½, 53-2, 54-3, 55-1

RUGBY UNION

England are on the ball with meticulous preparation

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

England's destiny against Wales passes now to the players from the administrators after the most meticulous preparation preceding the Five Nations Championships that I have seen from England. Yesterday's squad training at Twickenham revealed much of the detail which the new selection panel has called for – and has been granted – and more work will be done during the coming week.

Martin Green, England's coach had the match squad of 21 working for 2½ hours reinforced at times by a dozen more players from senior London clubs who volunteered their assistance. With him were Brian Ashton (for the backs) and Des Seabrook, the Under-23 and B team coach who helped with the forwards.

The morning had been well planned which was just as well in the chill wind which swirled round Twickenham. Set piece unit skills were practiced, with players *breaking away occasionally* for individual work with Seabrook; the forwards also benefitted from the acquisition of a Powerhouse scrummaging machine which the Australians found so useful last season and in which several English clubs have invested this season.

The backs practised in large and small units, with the goal kickers taking turns to improve their particular skill, while other players were preoccupied elsewhere. It is hoped that Andrew, Davies and Barnes will get together in midweek with Hare the former England fullback to practice kicking at goal and out of hand before the squad gathers again next weekend at St Paul's School in London.

The use of Hare's acknowledged skills is typical of the work which the selectors have done and great credit must go to Michael Weston, their chairman, for the spirit and enthusiasm he has engendered, not only among players but officials, too.

It is typical, too, of the new organization that work should have been carried out with the ball which England will encounter in three of their four games. They and Scotland have opted for the new Gilbert Barbarian ball. To the casual onlooker it may not seem important but any back, particularly any goal kicker, will tell you that different makes react in different ways. It is the kind of detail which senior England players have been quietly grousing about for some seasons.

Only half the squad were engaged in matches on Saturday: of them Hall, the Bath flanker, collected a gashed eyebrow against Waterloo and restricted his activities after the cut opened again. Halliday, Davies and Underwood all had slight hamstring strains, but Don Gatherer, England's physiotherapist, was happy with his charges at the end of the morning.

When the squad gathers again next weekend they will have a leading referee in attendance to establish exactly what is allowed under the most recent law interpretations. I imagine both England and Wales will watch Bob Fordham, the Sydney referee, when he handles the game next Saturday between London Welsh and Bath so that they may get some idea of the Australian officials' approach to the game.

Mr Fordham, who is jostling with Kerry Fitzgerald as his country's leading refereee, will handle the game at Twickenham on January 18, in respect of which British Gas yesterday handed over a £30,000 cheque – written on a rugby ball – as the first stage of this year's sponsorship.

Lucky 13 for Finn

By George Ace

Moss Finn and Ronan Kearney were the two players named yesterday by the Irish selectors to replace the injured Keith Crossan and Nigle Carr for the game against France in Paris on February 1. Both last played for Ireland against Australia in the opening international of last season.

That Finn would take over from Crossan always looked feasible, *although the youthful* Roger Anderson, of London Irish, again underlined his potential, making the most of limited opportunities in the Ireland v Combined Provinces game at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, which Ireland won 21-12. Six points came in the third minute of injury time after a try by Phil Orr, the veteran loose head prop who wins his 49th successive cap in Paris. This will be Finn's 13th cap in an international career which started against England in 1979.

Kearney, who will be winning his third cap – he made his debute against France as a replacement for Willie Duggan in 1982 – edged out Willie Duncan, the Malone and Ulster wing forward on what was almost certainly a 3-2 vote. Kearney was more conspicuous in Saturday's trial, but in the tough forward exchanges which are bound to prevail in Paris, Duncan's total commitment and rugged strength may have made him a better choice than the Wanderers' man. Otherwise the team was wholly predictable, with the remaining 13 players all having been in action against *England in the Triple Crown* and championship decider at Lansdowne Road last March.

IRELAND: H P MacNeill (London Irish); T M Ringland (Ballymena), M J Kiernan (Dolphin), B J Mullins (Dublin University), M C Finn (Cork Constitution); P M Dean (St Mary's College), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution); P A Orr (Old Wesley), C F Fitzgerald (St Mary's College, captain), J J McCoy (Bangor), P M Matthews (Ards), D G Lenihan (Cork Constitution), W A Anderson (Dungannon), R K Kearney (Wanderers), B J Spillane (Bohemians). Replacements: A P Kennedy (London Irish), H T Harbison (Bective Rangers), B W McCall (London Irish), R C Brady (Ballymena), R P Keyes (Cork Constitution), P I Rainey (Ballymena).

● Instonians put their semi-final place in the Ulster Senior League beyond doubt when they defeated CIYMS 21-11 at Belmont on Saturday.

The Welsh take a last look

By Gerald Davies

With the game against England drawing closer, the Welsh selectors still have to make up their minds about one or two places, so they were at two of the three first class matches which managed at least a start in Wales on Saturday. No selector was there to see Glamorgan Wanderers beat Weston 24-4, but there were two at Rodney Parade and two more at Talbot Athletic ground.

South Glamorgan Institute cannot be said to draw the greatest crowds – more is the pity, perhaps – so that not many people have actually seen John Devereux play. From the very few who have, he has drawn glowing remarks. Two of the Welsh selectors, realising the need to consider a new centre pairing this season, went along to see him play for Bridgend against Newport.

But as on those other occasions lately when they have gone to watch him, the weather, no respecter of rugby selectors, has intervened so mercilessly that matches have been called off. Devereux had touched the ball twice – such statistics would appear to be important in these circumstances – before Ken Rowlands decided after 15 minutes that the frozen soil underneath all the surface water was dangerous. If the young centre is selected it will be largely a step in the dark for the Welsh selectors.

At the Talbot Athletic ground interest centred around the contest at scrum half between Ray Giles and Robert Jones. Not until 10 minutes before the kick-off was it decided that the match would be played. Aberavon, who had their previous two games called off because of the weather, were keener to play than their visitors but David Richards, Swansea's acting captain, was persuaded to have a go. It was a brave effort by both teams with, surprisingly, may an exciting and skilful movement in the match, which the home side won by three goals to a goal and a penalty.

The match was abandoned after 25 minutes of the second half with the Welsh selectors not having learnt anything more than they already know about the two scrum half contenders. Giles is already playing to his full potential in whichever jersey he plays. Jones, already a delightful player, may have much more to offer given a different theatre of performance.

Scotland selectors in turmoil

By Ian McLauchlan

Blues	10
Reds	41

It is often the case with national trials that more problems are created than solved. So it was at Murrayfield on Saturday as the junior XV, the Reds, inflicted a humiliating defeat on their senior colleagues in blue.

The Hastings brothers, Gavin and Scott, had a field day with 26 points between them. Gavin, with a fine solo try, four penalties and three conversions, accounted for 22 points.

The game must leave the Scotland selectors in some turmoil as the Blues were outscrummaged and beaten in the lineout and loose play. The frailty of the fringe defence of Jim Calder and Jeffrey was ruthlessly exposed by Stuart Johnston, who ran freely from scrum and lineout. White and Beattie (before he transferred to the Blues to replace the injured Paxton) also had unopposed runs from the scrum base.

In the lineout Parker showed inexperience in coping with Campbell or White at the front, and in the middle Tomes could not counter the double teaming of Campbell-Lamerton with either White or Campbell.

Wylie, at stand-off, took full advantage of this good possession to control the game in a mature fashion. He mixed play well, as did his strong-running centres. Scott and Scott Hastings, who subjected Robertson and David Johnston to a harrowing afternoon with some fierce tackling and trenchant running. Gavin Hastings at full back had a day when most things went his way, until he departed the scene with a cut eye. He was replaced by Flannigan, who scored a try.

SCORERS: Blues: Try: Duncan. Penalties: Dods (2). Reds: Tries: G Hastings, S Hastings, F Calder, Leslie, Flannigan. Conversions: G Hastings (3). Penalties: G Hastings (4), S Hastings.

BLUES: P W Dods (Gala); M D F Duncan (West of Scotland), K W Robertson (Melrose), D I Johnston (Watsonians), I Tukalo (Selkirk); J Y Rutherford (Selkirk), R J Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); A K Brewster (Stewart's-Melville), H M Parker (Kilmarnock), A J Tomes (Hawick), J H Calder (Stewart's-Melville), I A M Paxton (Selkirk) (rep D G Leslie, Dundee HSFP), J Jeffrey (Kelso).

REDS: A G Hastings (Cambridge University) (rep C Flannigan, Melrose); S W McAslan (Heriot's FP), S H Scott (Stewart's-Melville), S Hastings (Watsonians), G R T Baird (Kelso); D S Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville), S G Johnston (Watsonians); D M B Sole (Bath), G J Callander (Kelso, captain), N A Rowan (Boroughmuir), A J Campbell (Hawick), J R E Campbell-Lamerton (London Scottish), D B White (Gala), J R Beattie (Glasgow Academicals), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville).



Smith, the Queensland scrum half, clearing the ball against Kent at the Rectory Field yesterday

Cardiff coast to victory

By David Hands

Moseley	7
Cardiff	13

It may be too late for Gareth Roberts to press his claim to a place in the Welsh back row that will play against England later this month, but his well-being is not in question after a forthright display against Moseley at the Reddings on Saturday. Cardiff won by a goal, a try and a penalty goal against a try and a penalty and Roberts, capped last season against England, was at the heart of much, of it.

The flanker injured thigh ligaments playing against the Fijians in October and only returned at Christmas, but he and the other 29 players will have had mixed feelings about playing at all at the weekend as winter laid a carpet of snow over Birmingham for some two hours, including the whole game.

It was not that the playing surface was dangerously hard since Moseley had taken the precaution of covering it with straw for what is one of their most popular mid-season games. But the players found great difficulty keeping their feet and, in such circumstances, serious injury is always possible. While being disappointed that a player of Gareth Davies' maturity should feel obliged to reply to barrackers with a rude gesture as he teed-up the final place kick of the match, one can sympathize with his feelings; the large crowd were lucky to see a game at all.

It was, too, a well-contested game even if the feeling remained that Cardiff were coasting. They could afford to. They dominated possession, at set piece and maul, and did just enough to keep Moseley at arm's lengthwithout taking undue risks themselves, understandable on such a day. In the process, Norster demonstrated how much Wales will miss him this international season; he was a cut above everyone else at the line-out.

Moseley's best hope lay in keeping the ball in hand, which is a difficult responsibility when the object in question comes back so sluggishly. They showed what they could do from the best piece of possession they won all afternoon. Recardo, taking a rare lineout, and McMillan doing just enough to put the ball behind Cardiff's backs. Metcalfe joined his line and the two back row men, Masters and Shillingford, were at the corner for the No 8 to score.

Masters had a notable game. He is a voracious tackler, a quality reflected up and down the Moseley backs who absorbed an enormous amount of first-half pressure when Cardiff were playing down the slope. Davies and Ackerman conjured a neat set piece try for Donovan, who looked sharper than for some time, but otherwise the Cardiff tide broke on a black and red dam.

The bitter wind increased to aid Moseley in the second half, but Metcalfe's penalty in a game notably free of such awards only spurred Cardiff to their 100th try of the season, Lee working the in-form Glasson over in that corner. Shillingford reduced the deficit but the Cardiff forwards, who made Moseley's scrum creek throughout, forced a collapse which gave Davies the final word.

SCORERS: Moseley: Try: Shillingford. Penalty: Metcalfe. Cardiff: Tries: Donovan, Glasson. Conversion: Davies. Penalty: Davies.

MOSELEY: I Metcalfe (captain); J Goodwin, C Smith, I McMillan, D Payne; T Exeter, S Robson; M Linnett, G Cox, V Obogu, N Jeavons, S Boyle, A Recardo, S Masters, P Shillingford.

CARDIFF: M Rayer; A Glasson, R Ackerman, A Donovan, A Hadley; G Davies, T Lee, J Whitefoot, A Phillips (captain), I Eidman, R Lakin, R Norster, M Rowley, G Roberts, J Scott.

Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

Rash Yorkshire use wrong tactics in snow

By Michael Stevenson

The circumstances of Lancashire's 6-4 victory over Yorkshire in the 18-group schoolboys' match on Saturday exemplified the amazing lengths to which the English will go to play and "enjoy" their sport.

A frozen patch of the playing area at Fylde caused the game to be transferred at short notice to Rossall School, where a surprisingly large crowd braved the fierce cold and driven snow.

Yorkshire were favourites but, despite the promise of their scrum half, Turton, were tactically at fault. It was a day for kicking rather than passing. Admirably, but rashly, Yorkshire tried to handle, and suffered accordingly.

After Pond's early penalty, a ruck was forced near the Lancashire line and Grieve, a promising No 8, was over for the game's only try. Pond's second penalty just before the interval proved decisive: a demanding and attritional second half saw Yorkshire press, with the wind on their backs, but a couple of penalty chances were missed by their full back, Fee, who otherwise had an excellent match

Balance is a chip on both shoulders

Simon Barnes

There has come a time when one has started to feel rather sorry for the Australians. Why not? I can't think of a better way of annoying them. What a pity about your cricketers, mate. Such decent chaps. Shame they're not quite good enough, eh? I write this as one who has just received belated payment for a bet struck with an Australian friend on the outcome of the last Ashes series – it took a while to collect because for some months he affected to believe that the subject of the wager was the Australian rugby tour of last season.

The rivalry between Englishmen and Australians is a gorgeous thing: a matter of unending banter, jokes, insult and challenge, which at its best is something no one takes overseriously but would sharpen the edge of both conservation and challenge quite delightfully. The unending banter adds a shake of Tabasco to any contest: "How can you tell when a jet full of Pommy sportsmen land at Sydney airport? The plane keeps up a high-pitched whine after the engines have been switched off."

We have a new and a rather terrific bunch of Ockers with us at the moment: the Queensland state rugby side have come to play matches in England, Ireland and Wales, and they are promising to play some effective and dashing rugby.

Certainly they will pick up the ball and run with it, which will be a delightful novelty, since the last Englishman to do such a thing was probably William Webb Ellis. They are captained by Roger Gould, a member of the grand slam side, a hulking and amiable Australian who, by some oversight, doesn't wear a moustache. "Oh, no," he said. "Don't talk about the cricket. It's too depressing".

"Depressing? What do you mean?", asks a colleague. "We're four for no wicket, aren't we?" Sporting morale is in a bit of a trough in Australia as memories of the splendid national rugby side fade and the cricket team fail to satisfy. "Well, at least the guys in South Africa aren't doing so badly", said Gould, brightening up a fraction. Ho, hum.

"Then we had this tennis guy, whatisname", said Gould. "A young Australian. Thrashed Boris Becker at junior Wimbledon a couple of years back. Wonder what happened to him". "Got some great young golfers", another colleague said. "Terrific girl rower . . . and there's the America's Cup".

Ah, yes. The America's Cup. That historic occasion when all England shouted for Australia. It remains an excellent joke: for a Queenslander the joke is trebled when he starts to wonder what all those yacht-racing millionaires will do when they're in Perth. Perth is about 2,000 miles away from Brisbane, or, as a Queenslander would put it, civilization.

Gould doesn't see any temporary slump in Australian morale affecting his brave boys. He has a dozen or so internationals in the squad, many of them grand slam players. "We've got some really good tall jumpers – and you do seem to have a lot of lineouts here. We have a good pack, good backs and a scrum half with unbelievable hands who can make the ball dance. We're a well-balanced side." A well-balanced Australian side is, of course, one in which the players have a chip on both shoulders.

The Queenslanders are such an amiable bunch, and take such cheerful pleasure in the antique Anglo-Australian rivalries and all banter that goes with them, that one feels a sudden ambition to see the Ockers on their home ground. "Isn't there a rule that says you can't get a visa if you have a criminal record? Really? And I always thought it was a qualification."

Bath are losing rhythm

By John Clemison

Bath	16
Waterloo	6

Bath are becoming victims of their own success, and their match at Orrell on January 25 in the John Player Cup now looks more difficult than it first appeared. Having won the Cup in 1984 and retained it last year, Bath were bristling with confidence at the start of this season. Within three weeks they had a side that could trounce Leicester by 40-15 at Welford Road, the first in a series of six first class games without defeat.

Since then, however, the steam has gone out of Bath, the final indignity being a 30-12 defeat at Cardiff – a side they beat in October – on New Year's Day.

Though they won against Waterloo at The Recreation ground on Saturday, Bath were uneasy and disjointed, slithering around in the mud, and not the technically superb and inventive team that graced almost every pitch they played on in the autumn.

Waterloo played the kind of Lancastrian rugby that almost disappeared 20 years ago; grinding up and down the touch line, relying on a wealth of lineout ball and using their heavy pack to beat their opponent down.

It almost worked. Only two scramble tries in the last eight minutes, one of them converted, put Bath ahead. On another day, against faster backs and with Bath 200 miles from home, the balance could tip in Orrell's favour.

The biggest problem that Waterloo faced on Saturday was staying within the laws. Chris Rees, the referee, awarded 37 penalties, only 14 of them against Bath and most of the differential.

Waterloo did enough, however, to desrve a win. Syddall, Gallagher, and Connor, denied Bath but a smattering of lineout possessions – they took 20 out of 28 – to Redman and Morrison. Carfoot and Aitchesen made Hill and Barnes look like raw beginners.

The absence of Egerton, Spurrell, Trick, Sole and Halliday must have bothered Bath on Saturday, but more significant is that the first choice side have not played together since November, and it shows. Now, because of Englands duty, their next full game is at Orrell, which is why Bath supporters are so worried.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Simpson, Cuscott. Conversion: Palmer. Penalty goals: Palmer (2). Waterloo: Drop goal: Carfoot. Penalty goal: Carr.

BATH: C R Martin; A Swift, J A Palmer, (captain), J Cuscott, B Trevaskis; S J Barnes, R J Hill; G J Chilcott, J Deane, M R Lee, K Withy, J Morrison, N C Redman, J P Hall, P D Simpson.

WATERLOO: J Tickle; M Cotter, P Jenkins, J Whitehead, N Hedge; I Aitchesen, D V Carfoot; C Dew, R Tinsley, S Peters, N Allott, J Syddall (captain), N Wilkinson, S Gallagher, L Connor.

Referee: C Rees, (London Society).

Australians outrun brave Kent

By Peter Marson

Kent	9
Queensland	32

Playing speedy, skilful rugby, Queensland outran and eventually outclassed a gallant Kent XV at the Rectory Field yesterday. Scoring two goals, two tries and four penalty goals to a dropped goal and two penalties, Queensland made an eminently satisfactory start to their European tour.

So it looks rather as if Middlesex will need to be at their best and have their wits about them on Wednesday next when they take on the Australians at Sudbury. This will be the touring team's final appearance here before they take off for Ireland and Wales. It was a happy coincidence that Queensland should have been enjoying some of their best playing days in the years leading up to the celebration of their century in 1982. There had been some outstanding successes. Chief among them was Queensland's defeat of the British Lions 15-11 in 1971; of the All Blacks by 9-3 in 1980; and Scotland's defeat by 9-7 in 1982.

Yesterday Queensland's captain, Gould, one of 11 among 11 internationals, who appeared in the Wallabies grand slam tour here in 1984 was Queensland's outstanding player and he marked the occasion by scoring 16 points with four beautifully-struck penalties and conversions of tries by Moon and Heinke.

SCORERS: Kent: Dropped goal: Colyer. Penalty goals: Field (2). Queensland: Tries: Miller, Moon, Heinke. Conversions: Gould (2). Penalty goals: Gould (4).

KENT: G Walter (Blackheath); J Field (Askeans), L Kokali (Blackheath), R Bodenham (Blackheath) capt, D Craig (Blackheath); N Colyer (Blackheath), C Read (Plymouth Albion); P Essenhigh (Blackheath), B Howe (Blackheath), R Pascall (Gloucester), P McRae (Askeans), D Hursey (Blackheath), D Vaughan (Blackheath), G Hamilton (Blackheath), M Skinner (Harlequins).

QUEENSLAND: R Gould (capt); R Hanley, A Slack, P Mills, B Moon; T Lane, B Smith; M Crank, M McBain, S Philpotts, D Frawley, T Coker, J Miller, J Gardner, J Heinke.

Referee: L M Prideaux

Gloucester impress

By Bryan Stiles

London Scottish	13
Gloucester	37

Gloucester know how to impress people. They waited until midway through the first half on Saturday to produce their best rugby, just when the spectator refugees from the frozen-off match at the Stoop Memorial Ground had settled into their seats at Richmond.

The England coach, Martin Green, arrived too, and be must have been impressed with the way the Gloucester pack put their London Scottish counterparts to the sword. With a near-full house to entertain, they swept to the top of the John Smith's merit table A with an impressive display of power rugby, despite the slippery pitch.

Before the influx of extra spectators Gloucester had been trailing 9-4. Then they found their rhythm and finished in commanding style, winning by three goals, four tries and one penalty goal to a try and three penalties.

The fare provided by the West Countrymen went some way towards easing the frustration of the additional spectators, who had to wait until 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the Harlequins-Wasps *match* at the *Stoop* to be informed that the visiting team did not want to risk injuring their England players on the pitch, even though the referee had passed it fit and Harlequins were eager to play. Harlequins returned £5,000 in gate money to spectators.

Orwin, the Gloucester captain, was also keen to come to grips with a few opponents to demonstrate that perhaps England were unwise to have omitted him from the team for the opening match of the five-nations championship. He allowed his charges no fripperies, demanding from them a display of the basic skills. It was a strategy that overwhelmed the exiles in the second half.

Gloucester were in the lead after 25 minutes with tries by the back row forwards Bennett and Longstaff in reply to three penalties from Irvine. The Scottish centre, Gordon, pounced on a defensive blunder to scamper over for a try to give his team a fortunate 13-10 lead at the interval but they then sank in a tidal wave.

Bennett collected another try, and then the Gloucester backs were given their head. Hannaford nipped across the line after the exiles' pack was pushed backwards on the run at a scrum. Smith, the Gloucester full back, moved into the line to lay on two tries for Breeze, before Morgan finished off the humiliation with a try in the corner.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Try: Gordon. Penalties: Irvine (3). Gloucester: Tries: Bennett (2), Longstaff, Hannaford, Breeze (2), Morgan. Conversions: Smith (3). Penalty: Smith.

LONDON SCOTTISH: L Batten; S Walters, G Gordon, S Irvine, B Watt; N Chesworth, A Cushing; N Weir, I Kirk, M King, I Morrison, R Grant, S Harris, S Austin, J Macklin.

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; D Morgan, R McLean, P Taylor, J Breeze; M Hamlin, M Hannaford; M Preedy, K White, R Pascall, J Gadd, J Orwin, J Brain, M Longstaff, J Bennett.

Referee: M Coley (London).

WEEKEND RESULTS

SCOTTISH TRIAL

Blues	10	Reds	41
(at Murrayfield)			

IRISH TRIAL

Ireland XV	21	Provinces	12
(at Lansdowne Road)			

MERIT TABLE A

Leicester	23	Headingley	7
L Scottish	13	Gloucester	37

Merit Table A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gloucester	5	4	0	1	81	78	80
Nottingham	4	3	0	1	72	42	75
Wasps	4	3	0	1	73	64	75
Harlequins	3	2	0	1	68	32	66.67
Sale	3	2	0	1	29	48	66.67
Leicester	7	4	0	3	113	111	57.14
Bath	6	3	0	3	142	73	50
Gosforth	2	1	0	1	21	29	50
London Sc	4	2	0	2	54	79	50
Moseley	7	2	0	5	90	134	28.57
Bristol	4	1	0	3	66	77	25
Headingley	5	0	0	5	54	110	0

Merit Table B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Waterloo	5	4	0	1	115	41	80
Saracens	4	3	0	1	58	52	75
Orrell	3	2	0	1	58	41	66.67
Blackheath	3	2	0	1	43	40	66.67
Coventry	5	3	0	2	86	61	60
Rosslyn P	5	3	0	2	71	67	60
London Ir	6	3	0	3	82	56	50
Richmond	9	4	0	5	112	164	44.44
London W	3	1	0	2	46	45	33.33
North'ton	4	10	0	3	53	59	25
Liverpool	4	1	0	3	35	54	25
Bedford	5	1	0	4	61	138	20

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon	15	Swansea	[illegible]
Bath	16	Waterloo	6
Bedford	6	Bristol	28
Glamorgan W	24	Weston-s-Mare	4
Gosforth	18	Wakefield	4
Met Police	24	Richmond	25
Moseley	7	Cardiff	13
Newport	0	Bridgend	0
(abandoned after 15min)			
Nuneaton	13	Roundhay Pk	13
Plymouth Alb	13	Camborne	3
Saracens	18	Ebbw Vale	16

LOMBARD SHIPPING SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Streatham/Croydon 16, Sutton & Epsom 0.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Reading 20, Maidenhead 4; Staines 7, High Wycombe 32.

GREENE KING EASTERN COUNTIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Colchester 19, Harlow 15.

HANTS SENIOR MERIT TABLE: Alton 60, Gosport & Fareham 0.

HUNTING GATE HERTS MERIT TABLE: East Herts College 7, Old Ignatius 0.

RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Betteshanger CW 16, Thanet Wanderers 26; Dover 32, Folkestone 7; Erith 6, Ashford (Kent) 0; Gillingham Anchorians 14, Canterbury 10; Old Colfeians 18, Beckenham 0; Old Williamsonians 13, Sittingbourne 14.

FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT TABLE: Centaurs 28, Osterley 11; Hendon 9, Harrow 12; Mill Hill 6, Finchley 3.

SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: East Grinstead 32, Bognor 6.

TRUMAN OB MERIT TABLE: Old Brentwoods 25, Enfield OG 9; Old Edwardians, Romford 13, Old Grammarians 0; Old Hamptonians 14, Old Guildfordians 9; Old Paulines 6, Old Alleynians 6, Orleans FP 34, St Nicholas OB 8; Old Wimbledonians 24, Old Walcountians 0.

SAM MILLER CUP: Final: Banbury 16, Bicester 9.

ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE: Section B: Cyms 11, Instonians 21. Club matches: Bangor 9, Greystones 7; Skerries 6, Malone 6; Armagh 12, Collegians 10; St Mary's 20, Dungannon 12; Portadown 28, Ballymoney 3; Queen's Univ 4, Lansdowne 24; Ards 15, North 10.

SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Ulster 0, Australia 6.

CRICKET

Boon for Australia in record stand

Sydney (Reuter) – A record opening partnership for Australia against India between David Boon and Geoff Marsh, gave the home side a much needed lift on the penultimate day of the third and final Test here yesterday.

When bad light stopped play over a hour early, Australia were 347 for four, only 54 runs from the 401 they needed to avoid the follow-on after India had declared their first innings at 600 for four.

Australia's recovery was based on resolute batting from Boon, who scored 131, and Marsh with 92, in a stand of 217. The Australian captain, Allan Border, who saved his side in the drawn second Test when he scored 163 in the second innings, yesterday made 64 not out in 221 minutes with only two fours. He seemed to be playing for a draw, the third of the series, to end Australia's recent run of failures in series against West Indies, England and New Zealand.

The opening pair, resuming at 169 in the morning, quickly passed the previous best first-wicket stand for Australia against India of 191 set by two former captains, Bill Lawry and Bobby Simpson, in the 1967–68 series.

At 200, the stand became the highest for Australia in the previous 172 Tests – a remarkable achievement for a pair who are not regular openers.

Boon was first to go when he played on to the Indian captain, Kapil Dev, after 345 minutes at the crease. Border and Marsh took the score to 258 before Marsh, a 20-year-old farmer, mis-read the spinner Ravi Shastri, who got a ball to bite which Marsh edged to Sunil Gavasker in the slips. He had batted for 408 minutes.

"I'm naturally disappointed I didn't get my maiden century", but I had in mind that I had to stay there for three days", Marsh said. "I didn't want to take any risks although the Sydney Cricket Ground has been good to me on occasions.

"I didn't think a month ago that I would be one of the pair who broke a record set by Simpson and Lawry", the one-time Western Australia groundsman added.

Greg Ritchie spent only 30 minutes at the crease before he went for 14, caught at midwicket by Kapil Dev off Shivlal Yadav, leaving Australia still 124 runs from avoiding the follow-on.

Wayne Phillips, dropped from his position as opener after an indifferent run, came in ahead of Greg Matthews, but looked unhappy during his 53 minutes stay and was eventually caught off Shastri for 14.

INDIA: First Innings 600 for 4 dec (S M Gavaskar 172, M B Amarnath 138, K Srikkanth).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

D C Boon b Kapil Dev	131
G R Marsh c Gavaskar b Shastri	92
*A R Border not out	64
G M Ritchie c Kapil b Yadav	14
†W B Phillips c Srikkanth b Shastri	14
G R Matthews not out	15
Extras (l-b 14, n-b 3)	17
Total (4 wkts)	347

S R Waugh, R J Bright, B R Reid, D R Gilbert, R G Holland to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-217, 2-258, 3-277, 4-302.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 25-8-65-1; Shastri 43-17-68-2; Yadav 49-18-83-1; Shivaramakrishnan 22-2-79-0; Sharma 13-2-38-0

Hughes not tempted by victory

From Ivo Tennant
Cape Town

With 20 overs remaining on Saturday in the second international match at Newlands, the rebel Australians required 131 runs to beat South Africa. At the wicket and in form were Hughes and Yallop. The pitch was playing well, the light was perfect. And they did not even attempt to go for their target.

Not only was it a sad end to an otherwise interesting match, but we were also given an indication of how the Australians view this series. Hughes, having ensured the match would be drawn, turned tail and headed for the pavilion with five of the 20 overs left.

He would, of course, have had the compliance of Rice, who knew by then that South Africa would not win. The anomaly was that Hughes had 97 runs to his name. There has been talk here of whether these are Test matches propoer. Hughes, by his action, gave his verdict. He would never have rejected a Test century.

The crowd on the final day, around 6,000, was half that on New Year's Day. However, it would have improved had South Africa been heading for victory. They like winners here. Other than some slow hand-clapping, the only dissention was in the words daubed near the ground: "Aussies play for blood money".

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 439.

SECOND INNINGS

S J Cook c Rixon b Rackemann	70
H R Fotheringham b Rackemann	31
P N Kirsten c Haysman c Rackemann	20
R G Pollock c Dyson b McCurdy	3
*C E B Rice not out	27
G S Le Roux c Haysman b Rackemann	15
K A McKenzie not out	18
Extras (l-b 15, n-b 3)	18
Total (5 wkts dec)	202

A J Kourie, †R V Jennings, S J Jefferies and H A Page did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-121, 3-128, 4-156, 5-176.

BOWLING: Hogg 14-2-43-0; Rackemann 25-1-106-4; McCurdy 12-1-38-1.

AUSTRALIAN XI: First Innings 394.

SECOND INNINGS

J Dyson C Jennings b Page	33
G Shepherd l-b-w Le Roux	8
M D Haysman l-b-w Rice	33
*K J Hughes not out	97
M D Taylor c McKenzie b Kourie	17
G N Yallop not out	24
Extras	12
Total (4 wkts)	224

†S J Rixon, T G Hogan, R J McCurdy and C G Rackemann did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-54, 3-106, 4-185.

BOWLING: Le Roux 13-3-23-1; Jefferies 13-4-32-0; Kourie 23-7-54-1; Kirsten 17-4-34-0.

Zimbabwe decision is imminent

By Richard Streeton

A decision by the Zimbabwe Government on whether the England B team can tour there next month is expected to be made within the next 48 hours. An anxious weekend for English cricket officials was hardly cheered by a report from Harare, the Zimbabwe capital, on Saturday night that Mark Nicholas, the B team captain, had been restored to the list of English players banned by the Zimbabwe Sports Council.

Alwyn Pichanick, the President of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union, claimed yesterday that there was still "some hope" for the tour, despite last Thursday's cancellation of the first leg in Bangladesh, and that "delicate" negotiations were still in progress. Clearly, though, the omens look bleak for the B team's chances of proceeding to Zimbabwe after their matches in Sri Lanka.

Nicholas was understandably bemused by the return of his name to those who are unacceptable because of past contacts with South Africa. Nicholas led an English County XI to Zimbabwe last February and March after making a written assurance that he was against apartheid.

One compensation for the Test and County Cricket Board is the continued absence of any Government reaction in West Indies which might put the full England team's tour there in jeopardy. Most political observers in the Caribbean believe that having decided to admit the England team, the Governments are aware that to change their minds now could be counter-productive. It would split the cricket world between black and white nations, and indirectly play into South Africa's hands.

Certainly the England players will face demonstrations in West Indies, particularly in Trinidad. Clive Pantin, the spokesman for Trinidad's anti-apartheid movement, said yesterday that they were meeting this week to plan a campaign. David Abdullah, of the local Oilfield Workers Union, confirmed they would be arranging demonstrations and boycotts of the matches. Port of Spain airport workers are expected to refuse to handle the England team's baggage. Smaller protests are also expected to be arranged in St Vincent and Antigua, where political feelings are less fervent.

BASKETBALL

No joy for Kingston

By Nicholas Harling

Maccabi Tel Aviv	134
Polycell Kingston	115

Only the final scoreline failed to reflect the resolution of Team Polycell Kingston in defeat against Maccabi Tel Aviv on Saturday. For 32 minutes of a memorable final of the World Invitation Club Championship at Crystal Palace, Kingston had competed on level terms with arguably the best club side in Europe.

The effort of extending Maccabi so far took such a heavy toll that the effects may be felt way beyond the last eight minutes of a stirring climax to a fine tournament. Kingston must now recover their stamina in time for this week's two league matches and the Prudential National Cup final against Sperrings Solent Stars next Monday. "The more tired you get, the more difficult it becomes," Malcolm Chamberlain, Kingston's coach said after his players had given their all. "Some of my players are absolutely shattered."

Overwhelmed by the Israeli club in the European Cup three months ago, Kingston had restored their pride by half-time when they were level at 63-63. The high score said more for the accurate shooting of both sides than any defensive deficiencies. If shots were missed, the subsequent titanic tussle for rebounds featuring McGee and Johnson on one side, Davis and Clark on the other, provided a stirring spectacle.

By his display at centre, Clark not only emphasized what Kingston had missed through his ineligibility from the European Cup ties, but fully vindicated his selection, made beforehand, for the All Star team, the first English player to be thus honoured. Also selected was his team colleague Bontrager.

Berkowitz, an automatic selection for Maccabi in the All Star team in past years might have been in again had the choice not been made before the final, which had been in progress precisely two seconds when he sank the first of his 33 points. Unusually for him, however, Berkowitz missed two free shots with eight minutes left, to give Kingston a surprising chance of staying in contention. They failed, visibly wilting, losing both their rythm and concentration.

MACCABI: McGee 36, Berkowitz 33, Jamchy 23, Johnson 25, Aroesti 8, Lippin 5. KINGSTON: Bontrager 37, Clark 30, Davis 25, Lloyd 12, McNish 8, Innell 3.

PLAY-OFFS FOR MINOR PLACINGS: Seventh and eighth places: Sunair (Bel) 72, Manchester Giants 42. Fifth and sixth places: Montelbano (Br) 100, M.I.M. Edinburgh 75. Third and fourth places: Marathon Oil (US) 104, Manchester United 77. Womens final: Crystal Palace 79, Kokzyde Ostend (Bel) 71.

ALL-STAR FIVE: S Bontrager (Kingston), S Nicks (Sunair, Ostende), K McGee (Maccabi), M Clark (Kingston), L Johnson (Maccabi).

● The players and professional staff of London Docklands Crystal Palace, the tournament's host club, whose financial crisis was revealed during the tournament, have agreed to take a substantial drop in salary until the end of the season.

REAL TENNIS

Snow retains title after struggle

Julian Snow retained the George Wimpey under-24 open singles championship for the Eric Angus Cup at Queen's Club yesterday but not without alarm (William Stephens writes). He defeated Michael Gooding 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 but his play fluctuated between assiduous observance of disciplined footwork, and periods of error through lapses in concentration.

Snow had the more tightly controlled and varied game and was especially successful forcing the grille, which at one stage won him four points out of five successive rests.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-finals: J P Snow bt J S Male, 6-1, 6-5; M H J Gooding (unattached) bt G J Parsons (unattached) 6-5, 5-6, 6-5. Final: Snow beat Gooding 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.

Doubles: Semi-finals: Snow and Gooding bt W M Fairbarns and A J W Page 6-2, 6-1; P Brake (Seacourt) and C Bray (Seacourt) bt Parsons and N P A Smith (Queen's) 6-5, 6-4. Final: Snow and Gooding bt Brake and Bray 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.

TENNIS

Becker impressive as he strengthens image with win over Wilander

From Richard Evans
West Berlin

Boris Becker retained his Belgian American Young Masters title the hard way at the International Congress Building here yesterday. The score of 6-1, 7-6, 6-0 over Mats Wilander, the world's third ranked player, suggests a victory of some ease for the 18-year-old Wimbledon champion but in fact the *manner of his triumph* in front of 5,000 adoring fans left his manager, Ion Tiriac, shaking his head in wonderment.

"Maybe he has a masochistic streak," said Tiriac in between sharp exchanges in Romanian with Becker's coach, Gunther Bosch. "He is trying to prove he can beat Wilander from the back court. So far he has not come in behind a single second serve".

The plain fact of the matter was that he did not need to. With the touch of arrogance that will always mark him as a performer of true star quality, Becker decided to use the occasion to overpower Wilander from the base line which, of course, is the Swede's natural domain.

As a result we had a match that saw Wilander win almost as many points from the net as Becker, while the young master entertained the crowd, many of whom seemed new to the subtleties of the game, with the raking power of his drives off the ground, interspersed with 11 aces.


Becker: performer of three star quality

It was the second time in three weeks that Becker had beaten Wilander indoors.

So the message Becker sent the tennis world *in the first* week of the new year from this divided, snow bound city is clear. He can win how he pleases; he can win when he is tired and pressured and he can win in a manner that merely strengthens the image he has created for himself in 12 memorable months

Under the shrewd guidance of Tiriac and Bosch, Becker uses his own natural intelligence to temper the problems his fame brings. There are special problems in Berlin because of the political nature of the city and the fact that Becker has joined the famous Rotweiss club for whom he will play occasional matches this year.

The *teenagers stand for hours* in the snow outside his hotel and in press conferences belligerent German reporters say in terms of a command rather then a question: "You must go to East Berlin".

Becker, who has received many fan letters from the other side of the wall, says he will go one day but not just now. Just *now he is busy living up to the* legend he has become. It is demanding and a little exhausting, but he is making a *remarkably impressive job of it.*

RESULTS: Blue Group: J Hlasek (Switz) bt H Sundstrom (Swe) 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Semi-finals: M Wilander (Swe) bt Hlasek 6-3, 7-6; B Becker (WG) bt E Sanchez (Sp) 6-4, 6-4. Final: Becker bt Wilander 6-1, 7-6, 6-0.

Students frustrate top seeds

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Sue McCarthy, of Bristol, and Danny Sapsford (Weybridge) won the singles titles in the British Junior indoor championships, sponsored by the Prudential Assurance Company, at Queen's Club, London, on Saturday. Both won five matches without conceding a set and Miss McCarthy lost only 15 games.

The tournament was open to players who were less than 18 years of age on December 31, and it does not say much for the older competitors that the champions are both aged 16 and are still at school. In the finals they neatly frustrated the left-handed top seeds who were more overtly aggressive but comparatively untidy. Miss McCarthy won 6-3, 6-2 against last year's champion, Jane Wood (Enfield), and Sapsford had chances to beat Austen Brice (Stockport) even more easily than the 7-5, 6-3 result suggests.

Sapsford consistently excelled in tournaments for younger age groups, but Miss McCarthy's breakthrough lends weight to the opinion of John Clifton, who manages the national training centre at Bisham Abbey, that regional coaches should be watchful for players who have at least 16 birthdays behind them before showing uncommon promise.

Susan Mappin, the national team manager, regards it as "very healthy" that about six girls had reasonable chances to win. The Swedish men have certainly demonstrated that close competition between contemporaries can benefit all of them. But much depends on the quality of that competition, which depends in turn on the number of gifted youngsters playing the game.

It is often asserted that no British junior has much prospect of international distinction unless he or she can first dominate domestic rivals. Sapsford's record raises faint hopes that he may be able to do that. Moreover, he has three coaches and is based at the Lawn Tennis Association's Bisham Abbey "school" while studying at High Wycombe.

His service is not up to much, not yet anyway, but the rest of his game is *smart and* flexible and he reads the rallies with precocious fluency. Sapsford's variety of counter-punches faxed Brice, who has all the fashionable grunting noises but will not play the big game effectively until his approach shots and volleys carry more weight.

Miss McCarthy looked a better athlete and a much sounder match-player than Miss Wood, who strikes the ball well but has been wildly unpredictable for a little too long. *Miss Wood should accept the fact* that the lines on the court are not merely decorative. For much of the final she was just hitting balls rather than playing tennis.

Miss McCarthy won far more points than she earned but, like Sapsford, was cutely and tidily flexible in encouraging indiscretion and profiting from it. Since September her game has benefited from a move to a Hertfordshire boarding school at the instigation of *the LTA. One by-product is that she* is handy for the coaching services of Alan Jones, who also works with Miss Wood and another former champion, Jo Durie.

FINALS: Boys' singles: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt A Brice (Cheshire) 7-5, 6-3. Girls' singles: S McCarthy (Avon) bt J Wood (Middlesex) 6-3, 6-2. Boys' doubles: Sapsford and S Booth (Warwickshire) bt V Ranson and A Rouse (Essex) 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Girls' doubles: K Handa (Berkshire) and V Lake (Devon) bt J Wood (Middlesex) and C Wood (Sussex) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Coaches dismissed

Two former Wightman Cup players, Winnie Wooldridge and the American Patti Hogan, are to be dismissed from the LTA's national training staff.

They will lose their part-time jobs next September after four years with Britain's promising under-14 players. Miss Hogan said: "I'm sick at being sacked. It would not be so bad if it was for incompetence, but the youngsters are doing well."

The LTA hopes to replace the two with Keith Reynolds, the national coaching and developments officer for the north Midlands, but he has not yet decided whether to accept the job.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Courage in the teeth of a gale

By Pat Butcher

The victories of Roger Hackney and Susan Tooby, both of Wales, in the Milk international cross-country races in Mallusk, near Belfast, on Saturday were as much testimony to their courage as to their fitness because both struck out in mid-race into the gale-force wind and rain to beat *more fancied* performers.

Dave Lewis, one of the favourites, lasted barley a lap and a half of the five-mile men's race. He tried to protect a left calf strain, incurred while winning the Madrid New Year's Eve road race, by wearing track bottoms against the wind.

But the mud and the pace of the leading group, already headed by Hackney, proved too much and Lewis wisely dropped out, knowing that his winning performances in the two pre-Christmas domestic races have probably earned him a place in England's world championships team for March 23 in Switzerland.

If the course in Neuchâtel is anything like Saturday's bog, Hackney will surely improve on his best world championships performance of sixty-second in 1980. After missing most of last summer with a back injury the Olympic steeplechase finalist is clearly in his best-ever cross-country form. There is only the little matter of arranging his night duties as casualty officer at RAF Aldershot – he had to fly back immediately *after the race* to report for work – for him to prepare properly for the world championships.

Hackney won by 200 metres from the other favourite, Vincent Rousseau, of Belgium, with Nat Muir, of Scotland, third.

Miss Tooby also ran her best-ever cross-country race, *beating* Yvonne Murray, of Scotland, Roisin Smyth, of Ireland, and Betty van Steenbroek, the Belgian who had been a runaway winner *in* Gateshead before Christmas, but who lacked Miss Tooby's courage for such conditions on Saturday.

The Belfast organization was superior to the shambles of the IAC race before Christmas but it is doubtful if their hopes of staging the 1989 world championships in Mallusk will be realized. There are strong bids from Stavanger in Norway, which has never staged the championships, and from Brussels, where the Belgians have a much more formidable cross-country tradition to call upon, and they have *not had* the championships for over a decade.

MEN: Cross-country (five miles): 1, R Hackney (Wales), 26min 12sec; 2, V Rosseau (Bel), 26.27; 3, N Muir (Scot) 26.29. Team: Ireland B. Women: Cross-country (three miles): 1, S Tooby (Wales), 18min 18sec; 2, Y Murray (Scot), 18.24; 3, R Smyth (Ire), 18.29.

● Delhi (Reuter) - The first athletics games for non-aligned countries have been cancelled two weeks before their scheduled start here because only 14 of the movement's 101 members had agreed to participate.

YACHTING

Advantage for Innovator

From John Nicholls, Auckland

Of the seven boats that have now completed the 7,100 mile second leg *of the Whitbread round the World* race from Cape Town to Auckland, Philips Innovator (Dirk Nauta, Netherlands) has the best corrected time. She finished the course at 11am yesterday (local time) and easily beat all the maxi yachts in division A that had finished ahead of her. She has a two day advantage over the leader UBS Switzerland (Pierre Fehlmann) on handicap for both the second leg and on total corrected time for the first two legs.

L'Esprit D'Equipe (Lionel Pean, France), handicap leader of the first leg of the race from Portsmouth to Cape Town, was still at sea last *night and time is beginning to run* out for her if she is to maintain the aggregate lead for two legs.

All of the new maxi yachts have now finished.

Cote D'or (Eric Tabarly, Belgium) the longest of the maxis at 83 feet, finally limped into Auckland on Saturday evening. She continues to experience the teething troubles of a new yacht, the worst of which on this leg included cracking frames in her bow, delamination of the hull, a damaged masthead and faulty steering. Nothing much, really.

There are the usual rumours of protests between yachts, but the only one to have been properly lodged so far is by UBS Switzerland against Lion New Zealand (Peter Blake) for an alleged incident at the *start* in Cape Town. The appeal lodged by the race committee against the findings of the Cape Town jury in a first leg protest between Drum (Skip Novak, GB) *and NZI Enterprise (Digby Tayor)* has been withdrawn after considering further evidence. The results of the first leg therefore stand.

RESULTS: Division A (elapsed time, total two legs): 1, UBS Switzerland (P Fehlmann); 2, NZI Enterprise (D Taylor); 3, Lion, New Zealand (P Blake); 4, Cote d'Or (E Tabarly, Belgium); 5, Drum (S Novak, GB). Corrected time (total two legs): 1, UBS Switzerland 52 days, 25hrs, 28min, 5sec; 2, Lion 64.00.12.16; 3, NZI Enterprise 64.12.18.38; 4, Cote d'Or 64.33.12.52; 5, Drum 66.00.13.57.

445 boats are drawn to Bloody Mary

A record 445 dinghies took part in the 13th Bloody Mary dinghy race on *Saturday at* Queen Mary's sailing club near Ashford, Middlesex (Adrian Morgan writes). This is believes to be the largest dinghy *event in the* yachting calendar. The race held annually at the Club, attracted entries from 169 clubs, all over Britain, including Phil Crebbin, the technical director of the British America Cup challenge, and Ian Southworth.

A total of 43 classes of dinghy packed the reservoir's 700 acres for the two and a half hour pursuit race

RESULTS: 1, T Golding and I Matthews (Spinnaker SC Enterprise); 2, J Hartley and Ian Tillett (Itchenor SC International Fourteen); 3, R Goss and A Cushing (Frensham Pond SC, Graduate). *The prize for the first lady helmsman* went to J Singleton and S Hartley, of Laleham SC, sailing a Firefly.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Dolphins' big catch

From Davitt Sigerson

The Los Angeles Rams and Miami Dolphins, playing at home, won their respective National Football League play-off games on Saturday in markedly different ways. The heavily favoured Dolphins beat the Cleveland Browns after withstanding two and a half quarters of an intelligent and well-executed game plan, coming back *from 21-3 down, to win 24-21.*

The Rams, relentless on defence, overpowering on the ground and with a record performance from their running back, Eric Dickerson, beat the Dallas Cowboys 20-0.

At Miami, the Browns ran *Earnest Byner in the left side* of Miami's mediocre defensive front for a total of 161 yards, the best of the game, while the Browns' *defensive backs*, Frank Minnifield and Don Rogers, restricted the "Marks Brothers" (Dolphin receivers Mark Clayton and Mark *Duper) to just one pass reception.*

With the Dolphins' quarterback, Dan Marino, confused by the Browns' well-disguised zone pass coverages, Cleveland *had* taken a 21-3 lead by the beginning of the third quarter.

But the Dolphins, who have not lost in eight home games this season, once again adjusted and survived. Worn down by Miami's heat and humidity and harried by a fiercely partizan Orange Bowl crowd, the Browns failed to keep possession of the ball. Marino forsook his preferred long passing game and began throwing short passes under the defensive cover, *primarily to Nat Moore and Tony* Nathan.

The Dolphins kept their heads and went on to score 21 points without reply for victory. Miami, the only team to beat the vaunted Chicago Bears this season, will face the winner of the game between the Los Angeles Raiders and New England Patriots, which was being played yesterday, for the American Football Conference championship and a place in the Super Bowl.

The Rams-Cowboys game was to be a test of strength. Each team has a *gifted runner* and each is defensively solid against the run. But the Rams held Dallas's Tony Dorsett to 58 yards in 17 carries, while Los Angeles's Dickerson broke the NFL's play-off record, gaining 248 yards, including breakaway efforts of 55 and 40 yards, for touchdowns.

RACING: IMPRESSIVE MIDNIGHT COUNT HEADS FOR CHEPSTOW'S PERSIAN WAR HURDLE

Haydock next for Spearing's star

By Michael Seely

Another step towards pinpointing *live candidates for the Cheltenham* Gold Cup and Grand National was taken on Saturday when Peter Scudamore and Run and Skip *hurled their exhilarating way over* the spectacular fences to a thrilling victory against Contradeal and Buckbe in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase.

"He's a bonny little horse and gave me a great ride," said the jockey yesterday. "They all said that his jumping wasn't perfect, but I never noticed it. And if you look at the beating he gave to last year's Gold Cup runner-up, Right Man, in the Welsh National and the way he won yesterday, he's got to have an outside chance at Cheltenham."

Make no mistake, this will turn out to be a key race as far as the future is concerned. Contradeal was strongly fancied by the veteran maestro, Fulke Walwyn, and the former staying hurdler Buckbe was considered by David Elsworth to be in far better shape than when narrowly beating Western Sunset at Lingfield.

At the Pond fence, the third from home, Contradeal, Rhyme 'N' Reason, and Ardent Spy, were pressing Run and Skip as Bright Dream started to lose his place, but the winner's experience was the decisive factor as Scudamore kept the eight-year-old perfectly balanced over the final jump and up the hill. Contradeal stayed on strongly to be beaten only half a length with Buckbe two lengths away in third place.

Two season ago Burrough Hill Lad took in the Welsh National and Saturday's race en route to his triumph in the Gold Cup. But John Spearing, as cool and calm as ever in the unsaddling enclosure, intends to keep his options open about the bold front runner he has handled with such conspicuous skill.

"I'd like to go for the Greenall Whitely at Haydock first," he said. "And then it will be either the Gold Cup or the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap at Cheltenham. Then after that there's the National. I know he'll get a big weight now but there's a lot of prize money at stake."

The diminutive Alcester trainer has always possessed remarkable aptitude for keeping horses fresh and well. In 1981 he placed On Edge *to win eight of his 14 races on the* Flat. And during the past four seasons, he has collected ten sprints with the consistent but maddening handicapper, Cree Bay. "Run and Skip galloped three furlongs on Friday," he went on. "That's all he ever does between his races."


Run and Skip leaping clear at the 12th fence on his way to a hard-fought victory over Contradeal in the big chase at Sandown Park

Run and Skip had been ridden in *his last three victories by Scudamore.* But with the man in form sure to be required for either Burrough Hill Lad or Very Promising in the Gold Cup, Run and Skip will soon be reunited with his regular jockey, Sam Morshead, who is making a good recovery from the injuries sustained when concussed in a fall from Master Plan at Warwick on November 28.

If ever a horse had future Gold Cup potential stamped all over his *17 hands frame, it is Midnight* Count, who on his second racecourse appearance proved far too strong and resolute for Yablis and Tickite Boo in the Roux Restaurants Tolworth Hurdle.

"He's so well balanced for such a big horse", said a triumphant Josh Gifford afterwards. Mr Joel says I can miss Cheltenham with him if I want to. But I'm going to enter him for the Waterford Crystal Stayers Hurdle as well as the Sun Alliance. *There's always a big field for the* novices' race and I wouldn't want to have him knocked about at this vital stage of his career. But first he'll go to Chepstow for the Persian War Novices' Hurdle."

The other highlights of the afternoon were the Catchpool's *victory over Dunkirk in the Le* Gavroche Novices' Chase for Nick Gaselee and the convincing win of John Jenkins' Triumph Hurdle candidate, El Galileo, in the André Lasserre Novices' Hurdle.

Finally, the afternoon ended on a note of comedy when the normally pessimistic Tim Forster was carried away by the win of St Andrew's Bay over Singlecote in the 47 Park Street Handicap Hurdle. "Where have all the press gone to?" said the man, who has already won three Grand Nationals with Well Too Do, Ben Nevis and Last Suspect. "I bought St Andrew's Bay for only 440gns as a two-year-old at Ascot. I've been very patient with him, and this is the greatest triumph of my training career."

CHEPSTOW

Going: heavy

1.30 RABBIT NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,455: 2m 4f) (20 runners)

2 201 GERE (Mrs M Shayler) P Bevan 5-11-8 ... –
4 p00-414 PRECIPICE MOSS (D) (Mrs J Landless) Mrs V McKie 5-11-4 ... A Webb
5 00-0413 WILD QUEEN (B Akerman) W Fisher 5-11-4 ... E Murphy 4
8 p000-3 BAMIAT (Mrs C Castaldine) S Cole 5-11-3 ... R Rowe
9 2 BATTLE KING (Mrs D Beddington) F Winter 5-11-3 ... J Duggan
11 00 BIGSUN (J Horn) D Nicholson 5-11-3 ... P Scudamore
12 3-42 DEER CREST (K Al-Said) J Edwards 6-11-3 ... –
15 04 HOW NOW (E Holding) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-3 ... C Mann
16 035 INDIAN RANGE (Mrs L Sewell) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-3 ... G McCourt
17 0 LACKEY HOEY (Mrs M Kelsey Fry) T Forster 6-11-3 ... R Dunwoody
22 0 QUIET STAR (P Davis) P Davis 5-11-3 ... P Nicholls
27 0 CLEAR THE COURSE (S Sainsbury) T Forster 5-10-12 ... Mr L Harvey 7
29 00 EMBANIZER (B Adshead) C Tristine 7-10-12 ... A Sharpe
30 0 GAMBLINGWAY (M Searle) S May 5-10-12 ... S May
32 0 MARCH MEMORIES (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 6-10-12 ... George Knight
33 0/0002 PARISIENNE LARK (J Bourne) M Scudamore 6-10-12 ... M Williams
36 0 WHITE PENNY (Miss M Lingard) Miss A Lingard 6-10-12 ... Miss V Williams 7
37 4200 KUWAIT WEATHER (B) (D Larke) Mrs N Smith 4-10-5 ... C Brown
38 SPORTING MARINER (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 4-10-5 ... P Leach
39 0 RELZA COCCINEA (G Downs) W G Turner 4-10-0 ... A Jones

1985: Meeting Abandoned – Frost.

100-30 Deer Crest, 4 Battle King, 6 Wild Queen, 7 Bigsun, 8 Indian Range, 9 Lackey Hoey, 10 Gere, 12 How Now, 16 Sporting Mariner, Parisienne Lark, 20 others.

FORM: GERE (10-10) won 6l from Prince Tobique (10-10) 21 ran. Warwick 2m nov hdle good Nov 28. PRECIPICE MOSS (10-7) 4th beaten 4 ¾l to Brenski (11-5) 14 ran. Nottingham 2m 6f nov hdle good Dec 7. WILD QUEEN (10-12) 3rd beaten 8l to Riva Rose (10-10) 22 ran. Worcester 2m nov hdle soft Dec 18. BAMIAT (10-10) 3rd beaten 6 ½l to Foot Patrol (10-10) 6 ran. Leicester 2m nov hdle firm Nov 18. BATTLE KING (11-0) 2nd beaten 15l to Juven Light (11-0) 21 ran. Lingfield 2m nov hdle good to soft Dec 7. DEER CREST (10-7) 2nd beaten 3l to Fandango Light (11-0) 13 ran. Newton Abbot heavy Dec 26. HOW NOW (10-4) 4th beaten 15l to Tenzing (10-11) with LACKEY HOEY (10-11) 8th beaten over 15l 18 ran. Towcester 2m nov hdle good to soft Dec 14. INDIAN RANGE (11-0) 3rd beaten 4l to Arrabotes (11-5) 21 ran. Worcester 2m nov hdle soft Dec 18. QUIET STAR (11-0) 6m beaten 36l to Cavvies Clown (10-10) 16 ran. Devon 2m 1f nov hdle heavy Dec 6. CLEAR THE COURSE (9-13) 5th beaten 18 ½l to Croix de Guerre (10-11) 18 ran. Towcester 2m nov hdle good to soft Dec 14. PARISIENNE LARK (11-0) 2nd beaten ¾l to Sweet Optimist (10-7) 15 ran. Hereford 2m nov hdle good to soft Dec 3.
Selection: WILD QUEEN

2.0 PHEASANT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,099: 2m) (8)

1 10040-1 LEFT BANK (D) (G Beccle) T Forster 8-11-12 (5 ex) ... R Dunwoody
5 uf-1300 OYSTER POND (CD) (K Martin Clarke) M McCourt 9-11-2 ... G McCourt
8 1130-40 KING'S JUG (D) (Winterbourne Construction Ltd) J King 9-10-11 P Scudamore
10 d010-11 JOHNS PRESENT (CD) (P Dening) R Holder 8-10-9 (5 ex) ... P Richards
11 3401-00 WALNUT WONDER (CD) (R Hickman) R Hickman 11-10-6 ... J Bryan
13 21fb00/ ELMBROOK (D) (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 10-10-0 ... P Warner
14 4324p2 JOHNRUMS (W Dennis) W Dennis 9-10-0 ... D Wonnacott 7
15 /3000- RUSTY BOY (F Ayres) M Stephens 7-10-0 ... B Powell

2 Left Bank, 5-2 Johns Present, 5 King's Jug, 13-2 Oyster Pond, 9 Johnrums, 10 Elmbrook, 14 others.

FORM: LEFT BANK (11-0) won 2 ½l from Wily Yeoman (10-9) 8 ran. Lingfield 2m h'cap ch good Dec 21. OYSTER POND (10-13) 8th beaten 80l to Mr Moccraker (11-3) 7 ran. Wincanton 2m 5f h'cap ch soft Dec 26. KINGS JUG (11-2) unplaced to Ribobelle (10-5) 28 ran. Ascot 2m 4f h'cap hdle good Dec 4. JOHNS PRESENT (10-13) won 4l from Tudor Road (10-4) 17 ran. Chepstow 2m 4f h'cap ch soft Dec 21. JOHNRUMS (10-7) 2nd beaten 2 ½l to A Boy Named Sioux (11-4) 13 ran. Newton Abbot 2m 5f nov ch heavy Dec 26.
Selection: LEFT BANK

2.30 TATTERSALLS NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: mares: £1,586: 2m) (11)

1 d12011 NASSAU ROYALE (CD) (M Purcell) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-6 ... G McCourt
2 0-4u31f CAUCHEMAR (BF) (N Delamain) Mrs J Barrow 7-11-1 ... A Sharpe
3 40/4-u0 BLOW MY TOP (R Broomhall) R Holder 7-10-10 ... P Murphy
4 0000-00 CAMEBELLE (Major N Martin) N Mitchell 8-10-10 ... B Powell
6 1100-f CHEEKY RUN (J McGrath) T Forster 7-10-10 ... R Dunwoody
7 212/0 DROM LADY (F Haggas) N Gaselee 7-10-10 ... V McKevitt
10 0000-0p FERNDALIS (Mrs P Beck) Mrs G Jones 8-10-10 ... P Finch 7
11 p43/408 GOLDEN MEDINA (Mrs S Perry) P Bailey 8-10-10 ... R Chapman 4
12 4000/ff LAMPSTONE (R Barrs) P D Haynes 9-10-10 ... A Webb
15 0-10003 SILVER MAID (Mrs B Davis) M Pipe 7-10-10 ... P Leach
16 8p-40 ULCOMBE (A Dean) A Moore 6-10-10 ... G Moore

15-8 Nassau Royale, 100-30 Cheeky Run, 4 Drom Lady, 8 Silver Maid, 10 Cauchemar, 12 Lampstone, 14 Camebelle, 16 others.

FORM: NASSAU ROYALE (11-1) won easily 1½ from Majuba Road (10-10) with SILVER MAID (10-10) 3rd beaten 15l 18 ran. Worcester 2m nov ch soft Ded 18. CHEEKY RUN latest fell 2nd, earlier a winner over hurdles at Naas and Thurles. DROM LADY (10-2) 5th beaten 28l to Tom Sharp (10-6) 18 ran. Cheltenham 2m 4f h'cap hdle soft Dec 7. GOLDEN MEDINA (10-5) 6th beaten 34l to Ragged Robin (11-0) 11 ran. Hereford 2m nov ch good Dec 19.
Selection: NASSAU ROYALE.

Chepstow selections

By Mandarin
1.30 Deer Crest. 2.0 John's Present. 2.30 Nassau Royale. 3.0 Spoonbender. 3.30 Ballymilan. 4.0 RIBOBELLE (nap).

By Michael Seely
1.30 Deer Crest. 2.0 LEFT BANK (nap). 4.0 Season's Delight.

3.0 RABBIT NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,396: 2m 4f) (20)

1 300-031 FIFTY BUCKS (D) (E Wheatley) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-9 ... G McCourt
4 00 ARIZONA (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 5-11-3 ... P Scudamore
5 AUFWIEDERSEHEN PET (Top Industrial Mnfg Ltd) C Tristine 6-11-3 A Sharpe
6 3b AUTUMN SHOW (Mrs P Shiler) Mrs S Oliver 7-11-3 ... J Suthern
8 p0p-0 CANDY DAN (D Bloofield) D Bloomfield 7-11-3 ... L Bloomfield 4
9 0004-0p CAN'T DISCLOSE (Mrs J Fountain) S Dow 5-11-3 ... –
10 00-0 CELTIC FLEET (R Beswick) J Spearing 5-11-3 ... P Warner
12 0040-44 FUEGO BOY (A Darlington) D Barons 5-11-3 ... P Nicholls
13 20 HIGHLAND CARDINAL (A Gawthrop) J D J Davies 7-11-3 ... J Lovejoy
15 032 JACUZZI (N Leggett) P Haynes 6-11-3 ... A Webb
15 000- LUMINIST (G H Yardley) G Yardley 6-11-3 ... C Smith
17 MOLYEDENUM (B Moore) W G Turner 5-11-3 ... A Jones
20 4- ROWLEY LODGE (D Bentley) P Bevan 5-11-3 ... T Wall
22 0 WOODGATE (S Sainsbury) T Forster 5-11-3 ... R Dunwoody
24 0/pb00- CHERRY SIDE (Lady Harries) Lady Harries 6-10-12 ... M Kinane
26 p DEVIL'S GOLD (A Mieczlaki) R Shepherd 6-10-12 ... –
28 38 LOBLOLLY (E Finch) Mrs A Finch 6-10-12 ... Mr J Mead
29 32 SPOONBENDER (C Freud) G Balding 6-10-12 ... –
32 pp VULPRO (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 6-10-12 ... –
33 003 ENA OLLEY (A J Bingley Ltd) D Elsworth 4-10-0 ... R Arnott

3 Fifty Bucks, 100-30 Jucuzzi, 4 Woodgate, 6 Arizona, 13-2 Highland Cardinal.

FORM: FIFTY BUCKS (11-0) won 3l from Starwind (11-0) 17 ran. Hereford 2m 4f nov hdle good to firm Nov 12. AUTUMN SHOW latest brought down earlier (10-9) 3rd beaten 10l to Celtic Cygnet (10-4) 18 ran Ludlow 2m flat race good to firm Nov 27. CELTIC FLEET (10-10) unplaced to Gere (10-10) 21 ran. Warwick 2m nov hdle good Nov 28. FEUGO BOY (10-10) 4th beaten 25l to Twin Oaks (10-10) 14 ran. Towcester 2m 5f nov hdle good *Nov 30. HIGHLAND CARDINAL (11-4)* 8th beaten 25l to Singlecote (11-4) 18 ran. Folkestone 2m 6f hdle good to soft Dec 17. JACUZZI (11-0) 2nd beaten 8l to Riva Rose (10-10) 22 ran. Worcester 2m nov hdle soft Dec 18. WOODGATE (11-0) 5th beaten 11l to Marsh King (11-0) 25 ran. Chepstow 2m nov hdle good to soft Nov 30. LOBLOLLY (10-6) 5th beaten 10 ½l to Croix de Guerre (10-11) 18 ran. Towcester 2m nov hdle good to soft Dec 14. SPOONBENDER (10-12) 2nd beaten 3l to Procipe Moss (10-12) 19 ran. Huntingdon 2m 4f nov hdle good Nov 26. ENA OLLEY (10-0) 3rd beaten 19l to Sylvan Joker (11-0) 12 ran. Kempton 2m 4f hdle soft Dec 27.
Selection: JACUZZI.

3.30 JOHNNY CLAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,092: 3m 6f) (9)

1 p/12p1- LAST SUSPECT (CD) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 12-11-8 R Dunwoody
3 410f-23 BALLYMILAN (F Sheridan) F Sheridan 9-10-3 ... R Beggan
5 uf/0-0u TWO COPPERS (S Hunt) L Kennard 11-10-0 ... B Powell
6 40f-130 DROPS O'BRANDY (Mrs C Fairbairn) J Edwards 11-10-0 ... –
9 3/43-14 NORTH LANE (G C Bisgrove Ltd) K Bishop 9-10-0 ... J Frost
10 2100-pp PAY FREEZE (R Oliver) S W May 10-10-0 ... S May
11 ff2p13- BAY FOREST (Mrs D Cheshire) Mrs E Kennard 8-10-0 ... S McNeill
12 003p-4p CONN THE COBBLER (M Stephens) M Stephens 8-10-0 ... R Rowe
13 fp0u/u0 TRUE MEMBER (Mrs S Dunstan) P Dunstan 12-10-0 ... Mrs R Vickery

9-4 Ballymilan, 5-2 Last Suspect, 8 North Lane, 8 Two Coppers, 9 Drops O'Brandy.

FORM: LAST SUSPECT – 10-5) won 1 ½l from Mr Snugfit (10-0) 40 ran. Liverpool Grand National, hcap ch, good to soft, Mar 30. BALLYMILAN (10-13) 3rd beaten 17 ½l to Kumbi (11-7) 6 ran. Cheltenham, 3m 4f hcap ch, good to firm, Nov 9. TWO COPPERS latest lost his rider earlier (10-10) 8th beaten 26l to Contradeal (11-10) 13 ran. worcester, 3m hcap ch, soft, Dec 18. DROPS O' BRANDY (10-5) 6th beaten 21l to Big Brown Bear (10-10) 8 ran. Haydock, 4m hcap ch, good, Nov 21. BALLYMILAN EARLIER (10-11) 2nd beaten 4l to Broadheath (11-7) with DROPS O' BRANDY (11-0) 3rd beaten 14l, 6 ran. Chepstow, 3 hcap, good, Nov 2. NORTH LANE (10-8) 4th beaten 10 ½l to Flaxen Tina (11-10) 8 ran. Towcester, 3m hcap ch, good to soft, Dec 14. CONN THE COBBLER latest pulled up, earlier (11-0) 4th beaten over 40l to Burrough Hill Lad (11-12) 5 ran. Chepstow, 3m ch, good to soft, Nov 30.
Selection: TWO COPPERS

4.0 DUCK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£918: 2m) (21)

2 101/02 VANTAGE (B Curzon & B C Shepherd) Mrs J Pitman 7-12-7 ... S Selby 8
3 0213-u0 COUNTY PLAYER (D) (Mrs Y Shiler) Mrs S Oliver 9-11-10 ... Jacqui Oliver 4
5 10-0030 EAMONS OWEN (D) (Mrs A Trowbridge) Mrs S Oliver 7-11-0 ... D Darling 8
6 12-2011 RIBOBELLE (D) (T Chandler) M Pipe 5-11-1 (7 ex) ... J Lower
7 24f-112 CAWARRA LAD (D) (Mrs M Kenyon Holden) C James 7-11-0 ... E Murphy
9 p11-00 INLANDER (D) (J Daniels) J D J Davies 5-10-10 ... G Heaver 4
11 0014-21 SEASON'S DELIGHT (D) (R Broomhall) R Holder 7-10-8 (7 ex) ... A Dicks 4
12 31-1280 RETSEL (D) (T Bartlett) C Popham 7-10-8 ... –
13 00p0-30 BALLYWEST (D) (P Axon) R Hodges 8-10-8 ... W Irvine 8
14 431-00 CELTIC BOB (S Cooper) O O'Neill 6-10-8 ... T Williams 8
15 44-1421 ASMID (B) (D) (Mrs J Chadwick) F Winter 7-10-8 ... N Fearn
18 240320- PANTO PRINCE (Mrs L Warren) L Kennard 5-10-8 ... D Mustow 8
19 0-21330 CHEMIST BROKER (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 6-10-8 ... P Corrigan
23 2-00300 LUIGI'S GLORY (L Bevan) G Yardley 8-10-8 ... W McFarland 8
24 440040- KILSYTH (C Flinton) E Wheeler 7-10-8 ... M Bowlby
25 f1p-000 MIAMI HOLIDAY (D) (Industrial Glove) M Castell 5-10-8 ... K Traylor 8
27 0p30-40 DERWENT KING (D) (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 9-10-8 ... W Humphreys 4
28 433040 WEE WILLIAM (D) (B Hicks) B Hicks 9-10-8 ... –
29 00000/0 JUBILEE LIGHTS (B Gordon) P Pritchard 9-10-8 ... D Chinn
31 30/0p2- SHANNIE (B Webb) O O'Neill 7-10-8 ... –
32 u02/5- HUMBER PRINCE (G E Jones) G Jones 10-10-8 ... C Warren

11-4 Ribobelle, 4 Cawarra Lad, 5 Asmid, 8 Vantage, 9 Season's Delight, 10 Inlander.

FORM: COUNTY PLAYER (11-9) 11th beaten over 13l to Notta Popsi (10-4) 16 ran. Wolverhampton, 2m 6f hcap hdle, good, Dec 27. EAMONS OWEN useful Irish import, winner over hurdles and fences. RIBOBELLE (11-7) easy 20l winner from VANTAGE (12-0) 7 ran. Haydock, 2m hcap hdle, good to soft, Jan 3. CAWARRA LAD (11-1) 2nd beaten ½l to Merry Jane (10-12) 20 ran. Ludlow, 2m hcap hdle, good, Dec 17. INLANDER (10-3) 5th beaten 30l to Yabis (10-8) 10 ran. Kempton 2m hcap hdle, soft, Dec 26. SEASONS DELIGHT (10-2) won 8l from No Fluke (10-11) 14 ran. Haydock, 2m hcap hdle, soft, Dec 12. ASMID (11-7) won 4l from Rinus (11-0) 13 ran. Bangor, 2m 4f nov hdle, good to soft, Dec 9. CHEMIST BROKER (11-5) 7th beaten over 11l to Celtic Flame (11-0) 22 ran. Huntingdon, 2m nov hdle, good, Dec 11. ALETIS (10-7) 3rd beaten 1 ½l to Meeson Grange (10-5) 15 ran. Wolverhampton, 2m hcap hdle, good, Dec 26. DERWENT KING (10-0) 8th beaten 32l to Pearl Run (10-11) 26 ran. Catterick, 2m hcap hdle, soft, Dec 13.
Selection: RIBOBELLE

NOTTINGHAM

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)
(7.30am inspection)

1.15 DALESIDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,224: 2m 6f) (6 runners)

3 12/3-01 ROYAL TO DO (CD) (J Sumner) T Forster 10-11-12 (5 ex) ... M Bosley
5 p0-0008 STAR GAZETTE (T Mickiam) J D Roberts 10-11-7 ... P A Farrell
6 03-3p31 BACK IN ACTION (I Williams) D Moorhead 7-10-13 ... D Condell
7 p1-4f12 FLYING MISTRESS (T Bell) J Webber 8-10-8 ... M Jenkins
10 20b40-2 FORTSTAR (B) (L Thwaites) S Christian 8-10-0 ... J Hurst
11 000-040 JON PIPER (J Howard) B Morgan 8-10-0 ... C Prince

1985: Meeting abandoned – frost

2 Back In Action, 9-4 Fortstar, 7-2 Royal To Do, 4 Flying Mistress, 20 Star Gazette, 25 Jon Piper.

Nottingham selections

My Mandarin
1.15 Royal To Do. 1.45 Bell Founder. 2.15 Indamelody. 2.45 Croix De Guerre. 3.15 Port Askaig. 3.45 Conscription.

1.45 ANNESLEY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £999: 2m) (25)

1 31 CELTIC FLAME (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harris 5-11-12 ... D Skyrme 7
3 102 KADESH (D) (R Philips) F Yardley 5-11-12 ... R Crank
5 01 RIVA ROSE (D) (W Gaff) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-12 ... M Pitman
8 1 BELL FOUNDER (D) (A Jestop) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11-7 ... S Smith Eccles
9 6 BROKEN WING (Furlong Bros Ltd) N Henderson 5-11-5 ... J White
10 CABRAL (B Clark) C Vernon Miller 5-11-5 ... S Sherwood
11 00 CONSTABLE KELLY (Major L Tham) Mrs J Barrow 6-11-5 ... A Sharpe
12 0 DANCING ADMIRAL (BF) (G Nicholls) K Morgan 6-11-5 ... S Johnson
13 0 DOVERIDGE (G Pykett) S Cole 5-11-5 ... T Wall
15 0 FATHER MAC (D Fretwell) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-5 ... –
20 0 LAFOSSE (R Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5 ... P Tuck
21 0 MERCADO MAGIC (G Allison) N Bycroft 5-11-5 ... A Stringer
23 MOORES METAL (Moores 'Stoke-On-Trent' Ltd) R Hollinshead 5-11-5 J J O'Neill
25 PORTLY (Mrs B Prettie) C Spares 5-11-5 ... J McLaughlin
28 00 SOUTHERN HERMIT (Miss N Carroll) R Armytage 6-11-5 ... A Webber
32 0- CELTIC FLORA (Mrs M Watt) Mrs M Thomas 5-11-0 ... –
33 000 ELECTRIFIED (J Rowles) J Leigh 5-11-0 ... P Blackburn
34 p-0u KAYE-WOOD (Mrs M Marston) Mrs M Thomas 5-11-0 ... –
35 KIMBLE LASS (M Howkett) G Thorner 5-11-0 ... P Barton
40 TRUE BLOSSOM (N Roberts) J Webber 5-11-0 ... G Marnagh
41 CHANCE INA MILLION (D Hodgson) D Hodgson 4-10-7 ... C Grant
42 0f CLAUDES MAN (B Ingamells) L Lightbrown 4-10-7 ... K Sims 7
43 FORT RUPERT (L Smith) P Walwyn 4-10-7 ... D Browne
45 LIGHT DECISION (I James) C Tristine 4-10-7 ... R Stronge
46 00 MANDY'S BROTHER (Miss J Wood) J Harris 4-10-7 ... J A Harris

3 Riva Rose, 7-2 Bell Founder, 4 Celtic Flame, 6 Kadesh, 8 Broken Wing, 10 Father Mac, Lafosse, 15 others.

2.15 NOTTINGHAM CHAMPION NOVICE CHASE (£2,732: 2m 6f) (12)

4 04-u21f INDAMELODY (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 5-11-6 ... S Smith Eccles
8 20b-320 COCAINE (S Squires) C Holmes 8-11-0 ... C Mann
9 0000-03 DANCING SOVEREIGN (B) (Mrs P Doree) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-0 ... G Bradley
12 p2tp-03 LEWESDON PRINCE (T Frost) S Christian 8-11-0 ... R Beggan
15 0331/20 SAM DA VINCI (J Wilson) R Champion 7-11-0 ... J J O'Neill
17 220a-3f STEARSBY (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-0 ... –
18 404-03p SUZZROCKE PARK (C Hague) O Brennan 8-11-0 ... M Brennan
19 f304-23 THE ROYAL COMRIE (R Gibbons) J Webber 7-11-0 ... A Webber
21 000-0f0 CRAMMOND BRIG (W Jackson) M W Easterby 9-10-9 ... P Tuck
22 10fp00- EPRYANA (R Bennett) P Burgoyne 6-10-9 ... –
24 20042 SILVER SHOW (Mrs E Scott) Mrs E Scott 8-10-9 ... D Browne
25 p0/f SONG BIRD (G Rock) Mrs C Clark 7-10-9 ... C Pimlott

11-8 Stearsby, 7-2 Lewesdon Prince, 5 Indamelody, 10 Sam Da Vinci, Silver Snow, 12 The Royal Comrie, Dancing Sovereign, 16 others.

2.45 ANNESLEY NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,046: 2m) (25)

1 01 CROIX DE GUERRE (D) (J Shaw) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-12 ... M Pitman
2 01 INFINITY RULES (CD) (Metal-Woods Ltd) S Mellor 5-11-12 ... G Charles Jones
3 4-001 MERDON MONARCH (CD) (J Smith) R Sheather 5-11-12 ... R Guest 7
4 11030 WHAT WILL I WEAR (D) (B) (Lady Anne Bentinck) J Glover 5-11-12 D McKeown 7
10 11 CLEARLY BUST (D) (C Holmes) C Holmes 6-11-5 ... D Hood 7
11 p DALLAS SMITH (P Smith) M Chapman 6-11-5 ... R Balfour 7
13 DESIS BACK (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 6-11-5 ... –
15 0 EYETRAP (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-11-5 ... R Stronge
16 0 FLYING IRISH (BF) (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5 ... P Tuck
17 p GOLDEN DESTINY (M Holmes) K Morgan 6-11-5 ... –
18 GOLDEN FLAME (Miss P Hall) K Morgan 5-11-5 ... S Johnson
19 IL CASTAGNO (D R Hodgson) D Hodgson 6-11-5 ... C Grant
22 2- MET OFFICER (M Skinner) M Skinner 6-11-5 ... P Barton
23 3 PARANG (P Walwyn) P Walwyn 5-11-5 ... D Browne
24 00 PERROQUET (Mrs J Mitchell) G Vergette 6-11-5 ... A Webber
25 0 QUILANTARO (T Shiler) C Vernon Miller 5-11-5 ... S Sherwood
30 0 SUNNY SLAVE (T Parish) N Henderson 5-11-5 ... J White
31 TAWNY SPIRIT (A Miner) J Fitzgerald 7-11-5 ... NON–RUNNER
33 0 THE STEEL ERECTOR (Henfrey 'Midlands' Ltd) T Bill 7-11-5 ... R Crank
37 00- WRITE THE MUSIC (J Abell) P Felgate 5-11-5 ... R Beggan
38 0f0- GATEWAY GIRL (Mrs B Hodgkinson) R Champion 6-11-0 ... J Barlow
40 0 ITALIAN SECRET (G Ferrigno Ltd) B McMahon 5-11-0 ... T Wall
42 uu00 MINNIES DIPPER (R Spicer) R Spicer 5-11-0 ... J McLaughlin
43 0- NOTHING HAPPENED (B Clark) Mrs M Thomas 5-11-0 ... J J O'Neill
44 03p0-f RECORD RED (E Allsopp) J Spearing 5-11-0 ... P Dever

7-4 Clearly Bust, 7-2 Croix De Guerre, 9-2 Parang, 6 Infinity Rules, Merdon Monarch, 10 Tawny Spirit, 18 others.

3.15 FILLDYKE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,657: 3m 4f) (7)

2 300-322 SAM WREKIN (D) (B) (R Thomson) J Fitzgerald 8-11-7 ... M Dwyer
3 1f1-243 CERIMAU (Mrs E Ellis) J Edwards 8-11-6 ... P Barton
4 210/010 BARRYSVILLE (CD) (BF) (Andrew Baird) P Burgoyne 10-10-8 S Smith Eccles
7 3p20-03 PORT ASKAIG (B) (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 11-11-0 ... S Sherwood
8 p3-4021 SKEGBY (O Brennan) O Brennan 12-10-13 (7 ex) ... M Brennan
9 0112-f2 TURN BLUE (BF) (Mrs E O'F Wilson) R Champion 7-10-8 ... J J O'Neill
11 10142-1 MACOLIVER (B) (A J Bingley Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-7 ... P Tuck

3 Macoliver 4 Turn Blue, 9-2 Skegby, Port Askaig, 6 Sam Wrekin, 7 Cerimau, 10 Barrysville.

3.45 SARACEN'S HEAD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,425: 2m 6f) (12)

3 2-32200 SHANGOSEER (B) (J Green) J Jenkins 5-11-8 ... S Sherwood
5 411-001 CONSCRIPTION (C) (G Rowles Nicholson) J Leigh 6-11-3 (10 ex) P Blackburn
7 1p-110 RARE PLEASURE (G Horsford) Rex Carter 8-10-13 ... P Barton
8 100-000 MARINERS DREAM (B) (D Newton) R Hollinshead 5-10-13 ... J J O'Neill
9 2242-01 LADY TUT (CD) (T Bill) T Bill 8-10-9 ... R Crank
10 13/f-p0 OUR BARA BOY (P Smith) M C Chapman 9-10-9 ... R Balfour 7
12 f01400/ MENFORD (P Keith-Roach) K Bailey 11-10-0 ... A Jones
13 f34f-30 TOO OFTEN (Mrs D Stockil) K Bridgwater 7-10-0 ... W Worthington
15 000000 SEEYOUAROUND (O Brennan) O Brennan 9-10-0 ... M Brennan
16 000-033 INCENSE (H Attwood) P Bevan 8-10-0 ... –
18 000-002 COUNTRY CAP (R Townsend) J Old 5-10-0 ... –
19 8-p0 PENNY FALLS (G Dook) S Bowring 7-10-0 ... D Shaw

9-4 Lady Tut, 4 Shangoseer, 6 Mariners Dream 13-2 Conscription, 8 Rare Pleasure, 12 Seeyouaround, 16 others.

Ballymilan ready to foil Last Suspect

By Mandarin

With January 15 the closing date for Grand National entries and the weights to be announced later this month, the build-up to this year's Aintree spectacle begins in earnest in the coming weeks. At Chepstow this afternoon, Tim Forster gives the 1985 winner, Last Suspect, his initial preparatory race and it will be intriguing to see how this unpredictable character acquits himself.

Although Last Suspect has 11st 8lb to carry, his task in the Johnnie Clay Memorial Chase is none too formidable as all but one of his eight opponents has to carry more than their long handicap weight. However, with Aintree his sole objective, I would imagine that his shrewd trainer has still left plenty to work on and for that reason I oppose him with Ballymilan.

Felix Sheridan's nine-year-old has run quite well on ground too fast for him this season and will appreciate the give underfoot he is sure to get today. He won Warwick's Crudwell Cup over an extended 3½ miles in heavy ground last season and the 19lb he receives from Last Suspect, *allied to his fitness advantage,* should be decisive.

Forster saddles Left Bank, another top weight with a sound chance, in the Pheasant Chase, but marginal preference here is for John's Present, who seems far more reliable this season than he was last and may still be a step ahead of the handicapper.

Jonathan Lower has looked one of the riding finds of the season and Ribobelle is napped to continue his *and Martin Pipe's successful run in* the Duck Conditional Jockeys' Hurdle. This progressive mare held on by half a length to beat Ray Prosser in an amateur riders' handicap over 2½ miles at Ascot last month but was far more impressive when switched back to two miles and ridden by Lower at Haydock Park on Friday.

Ribobelle and Lower steadily drew clear of their rivals at the Lancashire track to win by 20 lengths from Vantage, who now re-opposes on much worse terms. The handicapper is unlikely to show any mercy after such an authoritative performance and Pipe is wisely striking again while she remains on her original mark.

Indamelody, a faller in The Catchpool's race at Sandown on *Saturday, makes a quick reappearance* in Nottingham's Champion Novices' Chase and, granted a clear round, should account for Stearsby, who has yet to fulfil his undoubted promise.

Jenny Pitman, Stearsby's trainer can take the second division of the novice hurdle with Croix De Guerre (2.45) but Bell Founder is just preferred to her representative, Riva Rose, in the first division (1.45).

Leicester doubt

There will be a 3.0pm inspection at Leicester today to see if tomorrow's meeting can go ahead. Clerk of the course Nick Lees said: "I am not too hopeful at present, the track is frozen and there is a severe frost forecast for tonight." Nottingham stewards are holding a 7.30am meeting to see whether today's meeting can go ahead. There are no problems at Chepstow.

Bobsline shows old sparkle

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent Dublin

Starting at the generous odds of 5-2 in a five-runner field, Bobsline gave an improved display of jumping to win the Boyne Handicap Chase at Naas on Saturday.

This was his first victory of the season but, in winning this with 12 stone, the 10-year-old son of High Line served notice that he will once again be a force in the Queen Mother two-mile Champion Chase at Cheltenham.

The gallop, a strong one, was set by Kilkilowen, who had displaced Bobsline as favourite. At halfway, he was seven lengths in front with Frank Barry content to ride a waiting race. The gap had narrowed by the time Kilkilowen came to the penultimate obstacle and Bobsline, touching down alongside over the final fence, came away to win by six lengths.

Francis Flood now intends to bring Bobsline to England next month for the Game Spirit Chase at Newbury.

Sandown results

1.0: 1, El Galileo (11-2); 2, Tsarella (5-1); 3, None Too Dear (50-1). Wantage (4-1 fav). 21 ran. NR: Rodney Bay.
1.30: 1, The Catchpool (15-8 fav); 2, Dunkirk (9-1); 3, Dalbury (20-1). 10 ran. NR: Faster Still.
2.0: 1, Run And Skip (7-2); 2, Contradeal (5-2 fav); 3, Buckbe (10-1). 8 ran.
2.30: 1, Midnight Count (9-4), 2, Yabis (7-4 fav); 3, Tickite Boo (9-4). 7 ran.
3.0: 1, The Foodbroker (7-2); 2, Prudent Match (50-1); 3, Midnight Song (9-4). Itsgottabealright (11-8 fav). 6 ran.
3.30: 1, St Andrew's Bay (15-2); 2, Singlecote (10-1); 3, Aisling Geal (16-1); 4, Rodmel (25-1). Ray Prosser (7-2 fav). 21 ran. NR: Backpacker.
● Haydock Park and Warwick were called off due to frost.

Course specialists

CHEPSTOW

Trainers: F Winter, 17 winners from 76 runners, 22.4%; T Forster, 13 from 67, 19.4%; *Mrs M Rimell, 10 from 54, 18.5%.*
Jockeys: J Duggan, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%; C Mann, 4 from 16, 25.0%; A Webb, 5 from 21, 23.8%.

NOTTINGHAM

Trainers: N Henderson, 10 winners from 45 runners, 22.2%; Mrs M Rimell, 12 from 57, 21.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 8 from 62, 12.9%.
Jockeys: S Smith Eccles, 14 winners from 54 rides, 25.9%; T Wall, 4 from 31, 12.9%; P Tuck, 8 from 68, 11.8%.

Leaders over jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Jenkins	58	38	34	0	+ 25.72
G Richards	40	30	24	9	– 12.65
M Pipe	36	29	29	1	+ 27 [illegible]
J Gifford	35	33	21	0	+ [illegible]
W Stephenson	33	36	21	2	– 52.65
D Elsworth	26	15	12	2	– 8.25
D Smith	25	24	18	1	– 29.24
J Edwards	23	21	9	3	+ 2.19
M Rimell	23	13	15	2	+ 10.85
J Fitzgerald	21	9	6	1	+ 26.37

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
S Sherwood	48	34	34	7	+ 27.20
S Smith Eccles	41	38	21	7	– 23.55
P Scudamore	39	41	25	2	– 51.11
R Rowe	37	35	25	1	+ 22.20
H Davies	34	26	15	13	+ 0.07
C Grant	32	34	27	2	– 56.75
P Barton	29	30	15	15	– 14.18
R Dunwoody	29	25	34	0	– 91.87
R Lamb	28	22	17	15	– 48.14
C Cox	25	13	15	5	+ 81.10

GOLF

Masterful Irwin is back in the sunlight

From Mitchell Platts
Nassau

Hale Irwin, who shared the lead with Scott Hoch moving into the final round of the Bahamas Golf Classic here yesterday, is probably best remembered in Britain for waving a white handkerchief on the 18th fareway at Royal Lytham St Annes in 1979 as Severiano Ballesteros moved past him to win the Open championship.

Yet he has won 17 tournaments on the American circuit, including two United States opens (1974 and 1979), and with official winnings of $2,751,051 since turning professional in 1968, he is headed in career earnings only by Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Lee Trevino and Ray Floyd. Irwin also won the World Match Play Championship at Wentworth in 1974 and 1975.

As Irwin is now 40 years old, some observers might assume that he is in the sunset of his career, but he emphasized that he is still extremely capable of producing excellent golf with a third round of 64 on the Paradise Island course.

It was a masterful performance, galvanized by a glorious inward-half of 29 which included one eagle and five birdies, and it immediately promoted him as favourite to win the $872,000 first prize in spite of the fact that he was being pressurized by the persistent Hoch.

Moreover, Irwin collected three birdies in the first 10 holes of the last round, in spite of a hustling wind which made club selection difficult, so he was on the threshold of starting the new year in the best possible fashion. Meanwhile Ronan Rafferty completed a final round of 69 for a total of 284, which gave him much satisfaction although he is likely to benefit more simply by competing in this new tournament.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES: (US unless stated). 202: H. Irwin, 70, 68, 64; S. Hoch 67, 68, 67. 204: E. Fiori, 67, 69, 68. 205: B. Tway, 67, 66, 72. 208: J. Sluman 69, 68, 69; D. Lovell 65, 68, 73. 207: M. McCumber 66, 71, 70; B. Lohr 64, 69, 74. 209: M. Donald 70, 71, 68; J. Lewis 68, 71, 70; D. Hammond 69, 67, 73. 210: B. Glasson 72, 68, 70; M. Hayes 69, 69, 72. 211: W. Wood 68, 69, 74. Other scores included: 215: R. Rafferty (GB) 71, 71, 73. 218: A. Forsbrand (Swe) 72, 74, 72. 218: B. Crenshaw 74, 69, 75.

SKIING



Gate way to victory: Roswitha Steiner heading for success in the slalom yesterday

Steiner too fast for arch-rival

Maribor, Yugoslavia (Reuter) – Roswitha Steiner, of Austria, won her second World Cup slalom of the season yesterday, again relegating her arch-rival Erika Hess, of Switzerland, into second place.

Miss Steiner, aged 22, finished in a total time of 1min 19.12sec after runs in 38.23 and 38.23sec over the two legs, which had 51 and 48 gates respectively in a drop of 168 metres.

Miss Hess, the reigning World Cup slalom champion and current leader in the overall cup and slalom standings, finished with a time of 1:19.89 after runs of 41.96 and 37.93sec.

Miss Hess, sixth after the first leg, beat Miss Steiner by 0.3sec on the second run, but had too much of a deficit from the first leg. Miss Steiner also beat Miss Hess into second place in the first slalom of the season, in Sestriere, Italy.

Austria's Ida Ladstatter was third yesterday, her best World Cup placing, in a combined time of 1:19.89 (41.28 and 39.05).

"I knew Erika had a fast time in the second leg and that I had to give my best to beat it," Miss Steiner said after the race. "I took just as many risks in the second leg because I knew my lead was not enough to just cruise through if I were to win."

Despite skiin a very aggressive second run to clock the best time, Miss Hess, a previous winner here three times, was not too disappointed in defeat yesterday. "After my poor first run I just hoped it would be possible for me to make the top three," she said." In the first run I made a lot of mistakes because I was still cold after a long pause in the World Cup."

RESULTS: 1, R Steiner (Aust), 1min 19.12sec; 2, E Hess (Switz), 1:19.89; 3, I Ladstaetter (Aust), 1.20.33; 4, B Gadient (Switz), 1:20.37; 5, M Epple-Beck (WG), 1:20.69; 6, C Stroble (Aust), 1:21.27; 7, V Schneider (Switz), 1:21.41; 8, D Zini (It), 1:21.48; 9, C Nilsson (Swe), 1.21.62; 10, V Sarec (Yug), 1:21.65; 11, K Lesjak (Yug), 1.21.74; 12, C Schmidhauser (Switz), 1:22.53, 13, A Gapp (Aust), 1:22.57; 14, M Dezman (Yug), 1:22.73; 15, A Gersch (WG), 1.22.81.

WORLD CUP SLALOM STANDINGS: 1, Hess, 65 pts; 2, Steiner, 50; 3, B Gadient (Switz), 32; 4, Schneider, 30; 5, P Pelen (Fr), 19.

OVERALL WORLD CUP STANDINGS: 1, Hess, 101 pts; 2, M Gerg (WG), 80; equal 3, Steiner, 50, M Walliser (Switz), 50; 5, Schneider, 47.

● The men's World Cup slalom race scheduled here yesterday morning was postponed after heavy overnight rain and warm weather yesterday morning had affected the snow surface.

SNOOKER

Higgins wins after fall from horse

Alex Higgins shrugged off a bruised back, a painful neck and a black eye to reach the quarter-finals of the £225,000 Mercantile Credit Classic as Warrington yesterday.

Higgins beat Dennis Taylor 5–4 to reach the last eight of a major tournament for the first time this season, but victory was not without its traumas. Higgins decided to risk the frozen Cheshire air with an early-morning canter at the stables of his friend, John Carden, and finished up on the floor after his horse, Dreadnought, decided he would rather be left alone.

"As I was getting up Dreadnought kicked out and just caught me on the eye," Higgins said.

"The eye hardly bothered me at all. What was of more concern were my back and my neck, which were hurting quite a bit, and I didn't have the time to seek any treatment."

Taylor had a golden chance to make success in the fifth frame. He led 3–1 overall and 50–28 in the next when he missed a red into the middle pocket and allowed Higgins to come back to the table with a 32 clearance. Higgins took the sixth frame as well as the highest break of the match – 81 – and although Taylor won the seventh, Higgins completed his victory with breaks of 64 and 32.

Rex Williams beat the fifth seed, Tony Knowles, 5-2. Williams, chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, dropped the first frame but won five of the next six to earn a quarter-final clash against Higgins.

FIFTH ROUND: R Williams (Stourbridge) bt A Knowles (Bolton) 5-2 (Williams first) 29-75, 50-28, 69-34, 77-44; A Higgins (Manchester) bt D Taylor (Blackburn) 5-4 (Higgins first): 33-61, 70-25, 24-89, 43-87, 60-50, 83-0, 24-78, 76-46, 67-33; C Thorburn (Can) bt A Meo (Morden) 5-1.

Added incentive

The Martini national club betterball championship, which has attracted a record 1,140 golf clubs to this year's event, will award £500 to the club which obtains the best overall publicity and coverage of its qualifying competition.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan give Swinton the brush-off

By Keith Macklin

Six hundred Wigan supporters armed themselves with rakes, forks and brushes from their own garden sheds yesterday and trooped down to Central Park to save the Wigan v Swinton game from the threat of postponement. Despite the newly-installed underground heating the Wigan turf was still covered with snow and an urgent appeal brought the fans to the ground, carrying their own garden tools. They were directed by Steve Gaskell, the club groundsman and finished the job of clearing the pitch only seconds before the teams came out.

Wigan went on to beat Swinton comfortably, and a crowd of 12,676 saw the debut of Ray Mordt, the South African wing. Although Mordt did not score any of Wigan's eight tries in a 42–0 victory, he ran strongly and with purpose, and said afterwards that he enjoyed his first taste of rugby league, finding the tackling much tougher than in rugby union in South Africa. The Wigan tries came from Stephenson, Ford (2), West, Hanley, Kiss, Du Toit and Gill. Stephenson kicked four goals and Gill one.

St Helens, badly weakened by injuries, put up a brave fight against Halifax at the Leeds ground, Headingley. They trailed 16–4 at one stage, but fought back to 27–18. This win takes Halifax to the top of the table on a day when only two first division fixtures and four in the second division survived the weather. In division two Fulham put up a brave fight against Leigh before losing 22–18, and Barrow and Whitehaven improved their promotion chances with wins over Wakefield Trinity and Runcorn Highfield.

FIRST DIVISION: Halifax 27, St Helens 18; Wigan 42, Swinton 0. Other matches postponed.
SECOND DIVISION: Barrow 20, Wakefield 6; Blackpool 42, Mansfield 10; Fulham 18, Leigh 22; Whitehaven 34, Runcorn 2. Other matches postponed.

FOR THE RECORD

LUGE

OBERHOF, East Germany: World Cup: Men: 1, M Walter (EG), 2min 14.210sec; 2, J Hoffmann (EG), 2:14.573; 3, J Schettel (WG), 2:14.749. World Cup standings: 1, N Huber (It), 77pts; 2, P Hildgartner (It), 72; 3, M Schettel, 67. Women: 1, Schmidt (EG), 2:08.404; 2, G Kohlisch (EG), 2:08.990; 3, U Oberhoffner (EG), 2:07.107. World Cup standings: 1, M-L Rainer (It), 34; 2, A Goellner (Austria), 25; 3, M-C Doyon (Can) and L Bakolova (Cz), 16. Doubles: 1, R Keller and Kuehnlenz (EG), 1:23.988; 2, J Hoffmann and J Pietzsch (EG), 1:24.110; 3, T Schwab and W Staudinger (WG), 1:24.637. World Cup standings: 1, R Raffl and N Huber (It), 28; 1, Schwab and Staudinger, 28; 3, Danker and Schweiger (Austria), 14.

GOLF

PEBBLE BEACH, California: Spalding Invitational (US unless stated): 201: T Norris, 63, 64, 68. 203: D Forsman, 65, 70, 68. 205: D Pooley, 68, 64, 73. 207: D Halldorson, 69, 67, 71. 208: D Edwards, 68, 70, 70. 209: H Clark (39), 69, 68, 72.

CROSS-COUNTRY

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: (7½ miles unless stated): BEDFORDSHIRE (at Ampthill): A Simmons (Luton) 37min 42sec. Team: 1, Bedford, 43pts. BERKSHIRE (at Bracknell): 1, G Marlow (Bracknell) 35:49. Team: 1, Windsor, 49. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (At Amersham): 1, J Sherban (Shaftesbury) 39:16. Team: 1, Milton Keynes, 89. CORNWALL (At Penryn, 8 miles): J Richards (Cornwall) 45:05. DORSET: (At Weymouth, 7 miles): 1, J Boyes (Bournemouth) 35:47. ESSEX (At Chelmsford): 1, D Coates (Ilford) 38:22. Team: 1, Basildon, 55. HAMPSHIRE (At Aldershot): 1, M Gregory (Southampton 38:31. Team: 1, Aldershot, 88. HERTFORDSHIRE (At Watford): 1, K Dumpleton (Shaftesbury) 38:51. Team: 1, Verlea, 65. KENT (At Ashford): 1, M Scrutton (Tonbridge) 41:25. Team: 1, Dartford, 77. MIDDLESEX (At Ruislip, 6½ miles): 1, P O'Brien (Old Gaytonians) 33:20. Team: 1, Haringey, 104. Suffolk (At Bury St Edmunds): 1, A Girling (Ipswich) 38:49. Team: 1, Ipswich, 29. SURREY (At Frimley): 1, R Partridge (Aldershot) 35:42. Team: 1, Woking, 81. SUSSEX (At Horsham): 1, A Bristow (Brighton) 40:17. Team: 1, Brighton, 30.

Northampton (at Kettering, 6 miles): 1, H Boyle (Corby), 30:28. Women's 5km: 1, S King (Northampton), 18:06. Team: 1, Northampton, 12. Somerset (at Burnham, 12km): 1, D McGrath (Westbury) 38:41. Team: 1, Welles City, 17. Women's 5km: 1, S Gallop (Yeovil) 23.35. Team: Yeovil, 12.

SOUTHERN INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (Women, at Bexley, 6,000m): 1, Kent, 38; 2, Berkshire, 41; 3, Sussex, 54. Individual: 1, M Lamy (Berks) 22:31; 2, S Semy (Berks) 22:31; 3, S Vinall (Sussex) 22:45.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS: Sri Lankan tour: Bishop's Stortford 73, Richmond 74 for 4, Mahinda 157 for 5 (Armitage 3 for 52), Bishop's Stortford 67 for 9. Bishop's Stortford 100, Wesley 101 for 2. Hobart, Tasmania (50 overs): Oxford & Cambridge Universities 224 for 7 (W R Bristow 56), University of Tasmania 188 for 7.

ATHLETICS

STOKE: Potteries 10km: 1, H Jones (Ranelagh) 31:38 (course record).

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Bromley v Richmond. League: Beckenham 0, Old Kingstonians 3; Cheam 1, Hounslow 2; Hampstead 0, Wimbledon 2; Spencer 0, Surbiton 0; Teddington 7, Hawks 0. Cancelled: Purley v Reading.

NETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Bedfordshire 46, Northampton 34; Birmingham 55, Middlesex 27; Essex Met 44, Cheshire 39; Surrey 34, Hertfordshire 32.
COUNTY MATCHES: Derbyshire 25, Lancashire 25; East Sussex 46, Worcestershire & Hereford 35; Kent 50, South Buckinghamshire 30.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Crystal Palace 94 (Jennings 35, Seaman 27), Manchester Giants 92 (Kennedy 30, Brookins 26); Portsmouth 88 (Irish 22, Wells 17, Slaughter 16), Birmingham Bullets 77 (Shoulder 25, Hays 21); GRS Sunderland 84 (Alexander 26), Sperrings Solent Stars 95 (Lewis 22, Whitehead 21); Brunel Uxbridge and Camden 89 (Kellybrew 37, Polati 20), McEwan Tynside 83 (Ellis 34); Hemel/Watford Royals 98 (Keenan 28, Smith 16, Lloyd 16), Walkers Crisps Leicester 103 (Young 38, Vaughan 29); Homespare Bolton 88, Nissan Bears Worthing 103, Walkers Crisps Leicester 102 (Young 39, Vaughan 32), Happy Eater Bracknell 101 (Shiler 30, Gonder 24, Scantlebury 22). Second division: Calderdale 125, Peterborough 62; ANC Liverpool 94, Nottingham 99; Oldham 112, Cleveland 97, Plymouth 96, Brixton 101; Tower Hamlets 108, Colchester 73. Swindon v Liverpool, postponed. First division (women): London YMCA 55, Worthing 53; Nottingham 65, Sheffield 64; Swindon 93, Derby 61.

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Friday: Atlanta Hawks 111, Detroit Pistons 101; Boston Celtics 123, New Jersey Nets 117; Cleveland Cavaliers 130, Los Angeles Clippers 111; Milwaukee Bucks 107, Washington Bullets 100; Los Angeles Lakers 110, Utah Jazz 101; Portland Trail Blazers 133, Phoenix Suns 104; Seattle Super Sonics 117, Denver Nuggets 107. Saturday: Houston Rockets 115, Philadelphia 76ers 109; Sacramento Kings 112, Denver Nuggets 107; New Jersey Nets 125, Cleveland Cavaliers 108; Milwaukee Bucks 119, New York Knicks 88; Dallas Mavericks 119, Utah Jazz 106; San Antonio Spurs 122, Golden State Warriors 116; Indiana Pacers 108, Los Angeles Clippers 77, Atlanta Hawks 111, Chicago Bulls 100.

ICE HOCKEY

HAMILTON, Ontario: World junior championship: United States 5, Sweden 1; Czechoslovakia 5, Canada 3; Switzerland 7, West Germany 1: Soviet Union 4, Finland 3.

Final standings

	W	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	7	0	42	14	14
Canada	5	2	54	21	10
United States	4	4	35	25	8
Czechoslovakia	4	3	30	20	8
Sweden	4	3	25	23	8
Finland	3	4	31	23	6
Switzerland	1	6	19	54	2
West Germany	0	7	9	65	0

BARCELONA: Junior European Group C championships: 1, Britain, 6pts; 2, Hungary, 4; 3, Spain, 2 (Britain promoted to Group B).

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Friday: Washington Capitals 3, New Jersey Devils 2; Montreal Canadiens 7, Winnipeg Jets 3. Saturday: Edmonton Oilers 4, Hartford Whalers 3; Los Angeles Kings 6, Toronto Maple Leafs 4; Montreal Canadiens 8, Calgary Flames 5, St Louis Blues 2, Philadelphia Flyers 1, Chicago Black Hawks 4, New York Islanders 1; Boston Bruins 4, Buffalo Sabres 0; Washington Capitals 9, New Jersey Devils 3; Quebec Nordiques 7, Detroit Red Wings 2.

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle 21, Heaton Mersey 2.
BRINE SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Chipstead 11, Enfield 8; Purley 8, Kenton 14.

NORDIC SKIING

SCHONACH: World Cup Combined Competition: 1, H Weinbuch (WG), 421.7 pts; 2, T Müller (WG), 416.82; 3, F Glanzmann (Switz), 415.62. World Cup standings: 1, Weinbuch and Müller, both 60; 3, G Andersen (Nor), 38.

BOBSLEIGHING

INSBRUCK: Nations Cup two-man: 1, East Germany I (W Hoppe and D Schauerhammer) 3 min 38.38 sec (four runs); 2, East Germany III (D Richter and S Grummt) 3:38.50; 3, East Germany II (B Lehmann and B Musiol) 3:38.63. Nations Cup standings: 1, East Germany, 116 pts; 2, Austria, 93; 3, West Germany, 82.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF ENGLISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's first division: Liverpool City 3, OBC Poole 2; Redwood 1, Polonia 3, Liverpool 0, Spark 3; Weymouth 0, Speedwell 3; Newcastle 3, OBC Poole 1.

BREMEN: Women's tournament: East Germany bt West Germany, 3-0; Peru bt Czechoslovakia, 3-0; Cuba bt Uralochka Sverdlovsk (USSR), 3-2; East Germany bt Czechoslovakia, 3-0; Uralo Sverdlovsk bt West Germany, 3-0; Cuba bt Peru, 3-1.

Final standings

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Uralochka	5	4	1	14	5	8
East Germany	5	4	1	13	5	8
Cuba	5	4	1	14	7	8
West Germany	5	2	3	6	10	4
Peru	5	1	4	8	12	2
Czechoslovakia	5	0	5	1	15	0

DARTS

EMBASSY WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: FRIMLEY GREEN: First round: T O'Dea (Aus) bt R Gardner, 3-1; D Lee bt C Lazarenko, 3-2; F McMullen bt W Marda, 3-1.

SPEED SKATING

INZELL: Women's World Cup event: 500 metres: B Blair (US), 41.07 sec; 2, M Holzner-Gawenus (WG), 41.84; 3, E T Hoyseth (Nor), 42.34. 1,500 metres: 1, A Carlen (Swe), 2:09.35; 2, Blair, 2:10.92; 3, O Pleschkova (USSR), 2:11.05. 1,000 metres: 1, Blair, 1:23.27 min; 2, E Rys-Ferens (Pol), 1:24.00; 3, Holzner-Gawenus, 1:24.00. 3,000 metres: (not included in World Cup before): 1, B E Jensen (Nor), 4:39.81; 2, A Carlen, (Swe), 4:40.07; 3, Rys-Ferens (Pol), 4:44.57.
OSLO: Men's 5,000 metres: 1, T Gustafson (Swe) 7 min 11.70 sec; 2, D Silk (US), 7:16.54; 3, P Niittylae (Fin), 7:17.38.

SNOW REPORT

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper, middle runs: Runs almost complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: No snow or very little new snow. Vertical runs: 1,500ft. Hill roads: Slight snow. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,200ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: Runs almost complete, new snow drifting (at the time). Lower slopes: Limited nursery areas, new snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill roads: slight snow. Main roads: slight snow. Snow level: 1,000ft. Glencoe (open weekends only): Upper runs: some runs complete, new snow on a hard base. Lower slopes: runs complete – but narrow hard packed snow on a hard base. Vertical runs, 1,100ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,200ft. Lecht: Upper runs: runs complete – wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base. Middle runs: runs complete – wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill roads: moderate snow, drifting. Main roads: moderate snow, drifting, snow level: 2,000ft.

TENNIS: Bud Schultz is top seed for the $100,000 New Zealand open grand prix tournament which is due to start in Auckland tomorrow. Rain on the last two days has interrupted the qualifying tournament and the tournament proper will not start until the completion of the preliminary event.

SKI JUMPING: Jari Puikkonen, of Finland, a veteran at 26, scored a surprise victory in a World Cup 90-metre event in Innsbruck on Saturday. Puikkonen, repeating his 1981 win at the Berg Isel jump, cleared cleared 104 and 106 metres for 212.3 points.

Innsbruck: World Cup: 90m: 1, J Puikkonen (Fin), 212.3 pts; 2, H Stjernen (Nor), 207.2; 3, A Nieminen (Fin), 204.9. World Cup standings: 1, P Ulaga (Yug) 94; 2, Suoras (Fin) 83; 3, F Neuländtner (Austria), 79. Nations Cup standings: 1, Finland, 223; 2, Austria, 198; 3, Norway, 180.

IN BRIEF

Victory and promotion for Britain

Barcelona (AFP) – Britain won group C of the European junior ice hockey championships and have been promoted to group B for next season. Britain finished with six points to Hungary's four and Spain's two.

● HAMILTON, Ontario: The Soviet Union won the gold medal at the eight-country world junior tournament which finished here on Saturday (Reuter report). They were unbeaten in seven games and beat Canada 4-1 to clinch the gold medal.

Canada took the silver medal despite losing again, to Czechoslovakia, 5-3. The United States won the bronze.

ATHLETICS: Henry Rono, Kenya's former multiple world record holder, could finish only 29th from 38 starters in a 20-kilometre race in Mombasa on Saturday. Rono, who is preparing to make an attempted comeback, finished half an hour behind the winner, David Obare.

GOLF: Tim Norris leads the field by two strokes after three rounds of the $200,000 Spalding Invitational tournament, at Pebble Beach, California. Norris made birdies at the last three holes for a 68 and a three-round total of 201.

FOOTBALL: John Hollins, of Chelsea, has been voted Bell's manager of the month for December, when his team climbed to second place in the first division, reached the quarter-finals of the Milk Cup and the final of the Full Members' Cup. The divisional awards go to Alan Ball (Portsmouth), Arthur Cox (Derby) and Lou Macari (Swindon).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-offs 7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
Third round
Birmingham v Altrincham
Bury v Barnsley
Carlisle v QPR (7.45)
Crystal Palace v Luton (7.45)
Oldham v Orient
Sheffield United v Fulham
Sheffield Wednesday v West Bromwich

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby Co v Aston Villa (7.0). Second division: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Bradford City (7.0).
SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round replay: Croydon v Sutton United.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Ipswich Town v Bristol Rovers; Fulham v Birmingham City; Luton Town v Arsenal.

OTHER SPORT
SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic (Spectrum, Warrington).
SQUASH RACKETS: Blue Band Internationals Youth Team Festival (Cannons SC, London EC4).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Premier division: Castleford v Hull KR.

Law Report January 6 1986

Unpaid lender is entitled to a lien on property

Boodle Hatfield & Co (a firm) v British Films Ltd
Before Mr Justice Nicholls
[Judgment delivered December 5]

A third party lender paying part of the purchase price due under a contract was, prima facie, entitled by subrogation to the vendor's lien, although one way in which the implication of such a right would be displaced was by inconsistent express contractual terms. However the mere failure of the lender and borrower to address themselves to the question whether the lender would acquire the vendor's security rights would not of itself negative the application of the doctrine of subrogation; nevertheless it was of overriding importance that the doctrine would not be applied if it produced an unjust result.

Mr Justice Nicholls so held in the Chancery Divison declaring that the plaintiff firm of solicitors was entitled to a lien upon the freehold property 251 Vauxhall Bridge Road, Westminster, for the sum of £34,096.

Mr J. P. Whittaker for the plaintiffs; Mr Timothy Lloyd for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that the proceedings raised a short but far from easy question. To enable a company client to complete the purchase of a property, a firm of solicitors obtained from their bank, bankers' drafts for the purchase price and handed them over on completion to the vendor's solicitors in the usual way.

Prior to obtaining the drafts the purchaser's solicitors had received and banked a banker's draft from a building society and a cheque from their client. Subsequently the cheque was returned unpaid.

Did the purchaser's solicitors have a lien on the property in respect of the part of the purchase price provided by them?

The purchaser's solicitors, Boodle Hatfield & Co, were the plaintiffs. Their client was the defendant, British Films Ltd. In 1984 and 1985 the plaintiffs acted for the defendant in connection with its purchase of the freehold of 251 Vauxhall Bridge Road.

Contracts in an unexceptional form were exchanged on August 28, 1984 and the agreed completion date was fixed for February 28, 1985. The purchase price was £400,000 of which 10 per cent was paid as deposit.

Since the defendant did not complete on February 28 the vendor served a completion notice expiring on March 15; the sum required on that day was £370,076.

On March 14 the plaintiffs received £335,980 from a building society on the security of a first legal mortgage.

That left £34,096 as the balance needed for completion. On the day the completion notice expired the plaintiffs received by hand from the defendant a cheque for that sum drawn by the defendant on its bank in favour of the plaintiffs.

Mr Alastair Smith, the partner in the plaintiff firm handling the matter, telephoned Mr James Sherjan, the defendant's managing director and principal shareholder. Mr Smith asked whether the cheque would be met.

Mr Sherjan replied that at that moment there were not sufficient funds in the defendant's account to meet the cheque but that there would be sufficient funds in the account early in the following week when the cheque was presented for payment.

On the faith of that assurance Mr Smith agreed to complete the purchase later on the same day with bankers' drafts drawn on the plaintiff's bank. Nothing was said about the plaintiffs requiring a second charge over the property nor did Mr Sherjan offer that or any other security and he assumed that Mr Smith was content to rely on the cheque being met.

Mr Smith did not suggest that at that time he had in mind that if the cheque was not met his firm would or might have any security over the property.

Mr Smith then obtained the banker's drafts pursuant to a standing arrangement between the plaintiffs and their bank under which the bank treated cheques paid in by the plaintiffs as cleared immediately upon payment in, unless and until such cheques were dishonoured.

Accordingly Mr Smith paid in the defendant's cheque, obtained the banker's drafts and then completed; whereupon an executed transfer of the property in favour of the defendant was handed to Mr Smith by the vendor's solicitors.

Subsequently the cheque was dishonoured. Thereafter the plaintiffs lodged a caution in the Land Registry to protect a claim by them to have acquired by subrogation the vendor's lien over the property to the extent of the money provided by them on completion.

The defendant went into receivership on April 24, 1985. The property was now in the course of being sold and the balance of the proceeds remaining after paying off the building society's loan and interest was expected to be about £24,000.

The dispute was thus between the plaintiffs and the receiver in respect of that balance.

The plaintiffs sought a declaration that they were entitled to the lien.

An area of common ground was that where a third party acting on behalf of and at the request of a purchaser used his own money in paying part of the purchase price the third party was, prima facie, entitled by subrogation to the vendor's lien.

Where issue was joined was on what as a matter of law was sufficient to show a contrary intention and whether as a matter of fact the necessary contrary intention was present in the case.

The principle of subrogation was considered in *Orakpo v Manson Investments Ltd* ([1978] AC 95).

Although the point before his Lordship did not arise in that case, observations in their Lordships' speeches on subrogation in the context of unpaid vendors' liens were of considerable assistance. From the speeches of Lord Diplock (pp104-105) Lord Salmon (p110), Lord Edmund Davies and Lord Keith (p119) three guidelines relevant to the present case could be drawn with regard to subrogation.

First, one of the ways in which the implication of subrogation to the existing security rights of the vendor might be displaced was by the express terms in the contract made between the lender and the borrower being inconsistent with the acquisition by the lender of the security rights.

Second, the failure of the lender and the borrower to address themselves to the question whether the lender would acquire the security rights of the vendor would not of itself negative the application of the doctrine of subrogation. A lender who advanced money to enable a borrower to complete and who stipulated for a legal charge to be given when his loan was made was unlikely to consider what his security position would be if the legal charge produced was invalid; that is, whether in that event, he would acquire a lien by subrogation. But the view of both Lord Diplock and Lord Keith was that such a lender might acquire the pre-existing security rights by subrogation.

Third, and of overriding importance, the equitable doctrine of subrogation would not be applied when its application would produce an unjust result. One of the circumstances in which subrogation might lead to an unjust result was if without the implication of subrogation the lender obtained all that he bargained for.

Turning to the facts, the common expectation was that the cheque would be met when it reached the defendant's bank. That arrangement was not by its express terms inconsistent with the implication of the lender acquiring the unpaid vendor's security rights.

Moreover the absence of any agreement or even discussion regarding security did not lead to the conclusion that there was by implication a common intention that the lender should have no security.

The explanation for the absence of any discussion was the simple one that neither party considered what the plaintiff's position would be if the cheque was not met.

Obviously Mr Smith was taking a risk that the cheque might not be met but his Lordship did not think that from that he should infer that Mr Smith was agreeing to waive or release any rights which the plaintiffs would otherwise have had in respect of the financial assistance they were providing.

In *Paul v Speirway Ltd* ([1978] Ch 220) it was established that the loan was made on the footing that it would be an unsecured advance.

In the present case, that Mr Smith did not have security in his mind when making the arrangements over the telephone was a very weighty factor. But the evidence fell short of establishing that the plaintiffs arranged to finance completion on the footing that they would be unsecured creditors.

As to the argument that the plaintiffs obtained all they bargained for, it was important to remember that subrogation applied in that case unless excluded.

Accordingly, the question was not whether the plaintiffs bargained for the transfer to them of the vendor's security rights but, whether the bargain made by the plaintiffs excluded that transfer either expressly or impliedly.

Unless that was kept in mind consideration of whether the plaintiffs obtained what they bargained for was likely to mislead rather than assist.

The plaintiffs agreed to assist the defendant by carrying the position until its cheque was cleared.

It was not inequitable in such circumstances for the plaintiffs to stand in the shoes of the vendor in respect of the money provided by them, with the consequence that the defendant would not obtain the propery unencumbered until it had paid the plaintiffs the amount of their contribution.

Given that subrogation arose as a matter of law, and it operated unless excluded, it would be a hard conclusion that deprived the plaintiffs of the benefit of subrogation merely because the possibility of subrogation did not cross Mr Smith's mind at the time.

Solicitors: Boodle Hatfield & Co; Isadore Goldman & Son.

Irregularities in service

Camera Care Ltd v Victor Hasselblad Aktiebolag

Irregularities in relation to the service of a writ out of the jurisdiction under Order 11, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court were not, save in exceptional cases, irregularities which could be cured in the exercise of the court's discretion under Order 2, rule 1.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox and Sir Roger Ormrod) on December 19 allowed an appeal by Victor Hasselblad Aktiebolag, against an order of Sir Neil Lawson on June 13, 1985, whereby in the exercise of his discretion under Order 2, rule 1 he had allowed the plaintiffs' appeal against an order of Master Grant setting aside service of a writ out of the jurisdiction on the first defendants.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the plaintiffs had not demonstrated that it was a proper case for service out of the jurisdiction at all. Even if it had been, the judge had not been justified in his conclusion that the defects were curable under Order 2, rule 1. The provisions were a necessary part of the machinery of litigation because errors were easily made, and should not, in general, be allowed to affect the substance of the dispute.

The present matter was not an ordinary case because it was concerned with service out of the jurisdiction and because of the nature and extent of the errors made and the impact of the Limitation Acts. *Having* regard to the long train of errors perpetrated by the plaintiffs and to the fact that the grant of relief would affect the defendants' rights under the Limitation Acts, the discretion under Order 2, rule 1 should not be exercised in the plaintiffs' favour.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 007850 of 1985

In the matter of BAHCO LIMITED and in the matter of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 16th day of December 1985 confirming the REDUCTION OF THE CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £5,000,000 to £450,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect ot the capital of the Company, as altered, the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 20th day of December 1985.

Dated the 6th day of January 1986.
KEEBLE HAWSONS
of 7 St. James' Row,
Sheffield, S1 1XA
Solicitors for the said Company.

T GRIFFITHS & SON (HAULAGE) LTD
(In voluntary liquidation)
And the Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before Friday the 31st January 1986 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned Richard Andrew Segal of 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex, IG8 0PA the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 16th day of December 1985
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And the Companies Act 1985

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Dated this 20th day of December 1985
R.A. SEGAL
Liquidator

Re: FRYTONE BUILDINGS LTD
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
and the Companies Act 1946

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before Friday the 31st January 1986 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned Richard Andrew Segal of 19 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex, IG8 0PA the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 20th day of December 1985.
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Liquidator.

WARMSEAL WINDOWS LTD
and
The Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Avon Gorge Hotel, Sion Hill, Clifton, Bristol, on Thursday the 23rd day of January 1986 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 589 and 590 of the said Act.

Dated this 20th day of December 1985.
GEORGE WILLIAM LEONARD,
Director.

RE: SONG & SUPPER MUSIC HALL LTD
and
The Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Royal Scot Hotel, 100 Kings Cross Road, London WC1 on Thursday the 30th day of January 1986 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 589 and 590 of the said Act.

Dated this 18th day of December 1985.
Director Michelle Summers.

RE: LLOYD W LOVEGROVE & SONS LTD
and
The Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Royal Scot Hotel, 100 Kings Cross Road, London WC1 on Tuesday the 7th day of January 1986 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 589 and 590 of the said Act.

Dated this 16th day of December 1985.
Director Lloyd W Lovegrove

RE: R & D SWAN LTD
and
The Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Royal Scot Hotel, 100 Kings Cross Road, London WC1 on Thursday the 16th day of January 1986 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 589 and 590 of the said Act.

Dated this 17th day of December 1985.
Director R Swan.

SMS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF on Monday the 13th day of January 1986 at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 589 and 590.

Dated the 23rd day of December 1985.
R B J SIMPSON
Director

DESART LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF on Tuesday the 14th day of January 1986 at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 589 and 590.

Dated the 23rd day of December 1985.
J I KORATJITIS
Director

In the matter of CHRIS HUDSON (International) LTD and in the matter of THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985.

By order of the HIGH COURT dated 27 November 1985, Mr BERNARD PHILLIPS, Chartered Accountant of 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named company, with a Committee of Inspection.

Dated this 20th day of December 1985.

STAFFORD WAREHOUSE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985, that a Meeting of the creditors of Stafford Warehouse Limited, will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Partners, 46 Rodney Street, Liverpool L1 9AA, on Tuesday the 7th day of January 1986 at 12 o'clock midday for the purposes provided for in Sections 589 and 590.

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Salary will be negotiable within the Lectureship/Senior Lectureship scales: £7,520-£14,925/£14,135-£17,705 p.a. (under review). Secondment would be considered. Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL quoting Ref. No. 20/3A/85. The closing date for applications is 31st January 1986.

University of Hong Kong

SENIOR LECTURER/ LECTURER IN PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION

Applications are invited for a Senior Lectureship/Lectureship in the Department of Professional Legal Education. The Department is responsible for practice-oriented studies leading to the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws, undertaken by graduates intending to become lawyers. (A separate Department of Law is responsible for undergraduate studies leading to the Bachelor of Laws degree.) The Faculty plans to commence teaching for a Master's Degree.

Applicants should possess a professional qualification, a good degree in law, an interest in and capacity for research and experience of practice in Hong Kong or a similar jurisdiction. Applicants with any field of interest will be considered, but preference is likely to be given to an applicant able to teach Commercial Law and Practice.

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Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, or from the Appointments Unit, Secretary's Office, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Closes 15 February 1986.

University of Nottingham

DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCTION ENGINEERING AND PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

The Department has two established lectureship vacancies. These new posts are to continue the expansion in the computer integrated manufacture and operational research areas under the new Professor of Production Management, Professor Maurice Bonney. Applicants should have interests and higher qualifications associated with any of the following: simulation, production and materials control, O.R., software engineering, the interfacing of manufacturing and control or similar, appropriate to the development of advanced manufacturing sytems.

The aim is to integrate the developments of computer aided production management with the already extensive teaching and research in new forms of material processing, CADCAM and robotics. A new laboratory block will be available in July 1986, which will locate much of the Advanced Systems research around the Department's Prime 9650. Opportunities exist to provide industrial experience to candidates for whom this would be advantageous.

Informal discussion with Professor E N Corlett (Head of the Department) or Professor M C Bonney concerning these positions is welcomed. Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK. Tel 0602 506101, ext 2040.

Ref No 1014(A). Closing date 31 January 1986.

Merton College

OFFICIAL FELLOW AND TUTOR IN POLITICS

The college proposes, should there be a suitable candidate, to elect a Fellow and Tutor in Politics with effect from 1 October 1986. The appointment, tenable with a University Lectureship (CUF) under the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies, is open to both men and women.

Further particulars are obtainable from the Warden of Merton College, Oxford, OX1 4JD, to whom applications should be sent by Monday 20 January 1986, giving the names of three referees who have signified their willingness to act.

Monash University
Melbourne, Australia

CHAIR OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Applications are invited for a chair in the Department of Accounting and Finance. The Chair has become vacant as a result of the resignation of Professor R.R. Officer. Applicants should have research and teaching interests in one or more of the areas of business finance, management accounting, information systems and data processing, financial accounting and auditing.

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Enquiries of an academic nature should be addressed to Professor C.O. Peirson, the Chairman of the Department.

Information on application procedure and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168, Australia, or the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

Applications should reach the Registrar not later than 28th February 1986. Council reserves the right to make no appointment or to appoint by invitation at any stage.

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Candidates shold have a good undergraduate degree in physics, an appropriate postgraduate qualification and postdoctoral experience, preferably of collaborative research in a large national or international laboratory.

Initial salary, which will depend upon qualifications and experience, will be within the range £7,520-£14,925 pa (under review) plus £1,297 London Allowance. Applicants should preferably be under the age of 32 on 1 January 1986. Starting date: 1 May 1986 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Further information and application form may be obtained from the Personnel Secretary, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 3PH, on receipt of a self-addressed envelope. Closing date: 14 February 1986.

University of Warwick

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN BAYESIAN FORECASTING

Applications are invited for a Research Fellowship in Bayesian Forecasting in the Department of Statistics, for three years beginning in early 1986.

The Research Fellow will join the research group in Bayesian Time Series Analysis and Forecasting on a project supervised by Dr M. West and Professor P. J. Harrison in the areas of non-linear modelling, forecast assessment and aggregation.

Much of the applied work in the forecasting group is based on micro computers using the APL programming language. Applicants should have interests or experience in practical forecasting. Bayesian statistics and micro-computing. Postgraduate qualifications in related disciplines are desirable, although applications from good honours graduates with relevant experience are also encouraged.

Salary will be on Research Range 1A: £7,520-£12,150 pa (under review)

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, quoting Ref. No 20/4A/85/J.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible and in any case not later than 14th February 1986. Applicants who are unable to submit a formal application by the above date should send a curriculum vitae and a brief statement of their intention to apply by the stated date

University of London

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Please write with full curriculum vitae and the names of three referees to the Personnel Office, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, WC1E 7HT from whom further particulars are available. Closing date: 24 January 1986.

University of Oxford

In association with Trinity College

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Further details may be obtained from the Secretary, Theology Faculty Office, Pusey Street, Oxford OX1 2LA, to whom applications, including full curriculum vitae, name and addresses of three referees and a summary not exceeding 300 words of the proposed research should be sent not later than 4 February 1986.

ASTON UNIVERSITY
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Lecturer/Teaching Fellow

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For informal discussion with John Child, Peter Clark or Janet Webb, please contact the Divisional Secretary, Myra Wheeldon (Tel: 021 359 3611, ext 5022)

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Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Personnel Officer (Academic Staff), quoting Ref: 729/2, Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham B4 7AT. Tel: 021 359 3611 Ext. 4563. Closing date – 7th February 1986.

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Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, the University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference number 105/26. Applications (two copies) giving details of age, qualifications and experience and Medical Defence Association, and naming three referees should reach the Registrar no later than 14 March 1986. Applicants from overseas may apply in the first instance by cable, naming three referees, preferably in the United Kingdom.

University of Reading
Appointments

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Applications are invited for the National College Professorship of Food Technology which will become vacant on 1 October 1986.

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Further information may be obtained from the Registrar, Room 212, Whiteknights House, The University, P.O. Box 217, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 2AH. The closing date for applications is 31 January 1986.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN
Trinity College

ERASMUS SMITH'S CHAIR OF MODERN HISTORY (1762)

The Erasmus Smith's Chair of Modern History, which carries the Headship of the Department of Modern History, will become vacant on 1 October 1986, following the retirement of Professor K. G. Davies.

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Further particulars may be obtained from:

G. H. H. Gilltrap, Secretary to the College,
West Theatre, Trinity College,
Dublin 2.

to whom formal application may be made, preferably not later than 15 February 1986.

Southampton THE UNIVERSITY

LUCAS CHAIR OF AEROSPACE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Applications are invited for the Lucas Chair of Aerospace Systems Engineering newly established in the department of Aeronautics and Astronautics through the generous support of Lucas Aerospace Limited. Applicants should have research interest within the broad field of aerospace systems engineering.

Further details may be obtained from, The Secretary and Registrar, The University, Southampton, SO9 5NH, to whom applications (11 copies from persons in the U.K.) should be sent by 27th January 1986. Please quote reference AJS/85/731.

Southampton THE UNIVERSITY

OPTICAL ELECTRONICS

The well-known Optical Fibre Group at Southampton University is seeking Research Fellow/Assistants to push back the frontiers of optical electronics. The projects available include optical interconnection of VSLI integrated circuits, new optical fibres for sensors and polymer fibres. If you wish to engage in exciting new research in these, or related, topics then come and join us.

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Further details from Professor W. A. Gambling, FRS., Department of Electronics and Information Engineering, The University, Southampton, SO9 5NH, UK, to whom applications should be sent by 31 January, 1986.

UMIST
Department of Computation
LECTURSHIPS IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Computation Department is expanding as the result of the recent UGC initiative. Additionally, a large ESPRIT grant has just been awarded. It is thus timely to advertise for a Lecturer in Information Systems.

Applicants should have academic or commercial systems experience. Experience in teaching would be advantageous but is not essential. Candidates should have had research experience or should have demonstrable research potential.

Commencing salary will be within the scale £7,821–£16,582 per annum.

Requests for application forms and further particulars, quoting reference COM/221, should be addressed to the Establishment Section, Registrar's Department, UMIST, PO Box 88, Manchester M60 1QD. The closing date is 31 January, 1986.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY PHYSICS DEPARMENT
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Applications are invited for an SERC funded Postdoctoral research position tenable for three years starting 1st September 1986 (or earlier if convenient) to work with Professor Ellis and colleagues on deep spectroscopic surveys of cosmological importance. Several faint object devices are nearing completion at Durham and will be used on the Anglo-Australian and William Herschel telescopes to constrain theories for the origin and evolution of structure in the Universe. The successful applicant will exploit the new instrumentation in all respects (developing scientific programmes, monitoring instrument performance and data reduction on the Department's STARLINK VAX system). Experience with large telescopes and image processing software is desirable. Initial salary up to £9,275 p.a. on Range 1A plus superannuation. Applications (5 copies) naming 3 referees should be sent by 28th February 1986 to the Registrar, Science Laboratories, Durham DH1 3LE from whom further particulars may be obtained.

HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY
CHAIR IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Applications are invited for a Chair in the Department of Mechanical Engineering from candidates from any area of Mechanical Engineering allied to the Department's present research interests.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the teaching activities of the Department and to provide leadership in research.

Further particulars and application forms are available from the Staff Officer, Heriot-Watt University, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1HX (please quote Reference No. 134/85), to whom applications should be sent to arrive not later than 3rd February 1986.

King's College London (KQC)

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University of Oxford

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Details may be obtained from the Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PB, to whom completed applications (nine typed copies, two from overseas candidates) should be sent by 31 January 1986.

HORIZONS
A guide to career choice

A bright future in Futures?

Beryl Dixon finds you need to use your own initiative to go into commodities

When Farideh Bromfield graduated six years ago her university careers service could provide only one page of information on careers in commodities. The topic is still not well-covered in careers books.

The commodity firms have hardly been prolific writers of careers material, largely because they began as small family concerns not needing to publicize themselves. The situation has changed: organizations will sent careers information on request. This lack of general awareness does, however, help firms to recruit the right staff, those who display initiative in finding out about opportunities and perseverance in following up leads.

Farideh is head of research at E. D. & F. Man, one of the world's leading sugar traders and a firm which also covers "softs" (sugar, coffee, cocoa) and metals. She graduated in economics, took a master's in development economics, saw her first job – as a research analyst – advertised in *The Economist* and eventually moved to her present employer and to head of a team responsible for providing a service to the company's traders and ultimately to clients.

Commodities research is less well established than investment analysis for instance. But with the expansion of commodities trading – firms may deal with as many as 40 different commodities and with many different countries – it has become essential. A research department has to provide an objective analysis of the market, from information, which in Farideh's company is gathered from contacts in all the major trading countries, from traders who pass on information and by calling agents in the producing countries.

Collecting and analysing information is her primary task but it is equally important for Farideh to be able to explain its implications. She may do so by world of mouth, by compiling in-house reports or by writing tailor made reports on specific topics.

It is vital in this job to be a good communicator

In all cases she must be a good communicator. To be a good analyst it is not enought to understand figures.

London is one of the world's main commodity trading centres, both for physicals, the actual transaction of a physical commodity, and for futures which involve a promise to buy and sell a given quantity at a contractually agreed price at a future date. It is the term futures, says Farideh, that baffles people. She adds: "The Stock Exchange is relatively easy to understand, but people can't grasp how you can promise to sell before you have actually bought."



Farideh Bromfield: Head of research

Softs are traded at the London Commodity Exchange, metals at the London Metal Exchange, and although physicals are usually traded directly between buyer and seller, futures are traded across a market floor by what is known as "open outcry", necessitating all firms being housed in a small area. Working in commodities entails a career spent not only in London but largely in EC3.

There are basically two types of commodity company: trade houses and commission houses. The former are involved in both physical and future transactions, both for themselves and for their clients. Though there are specialists concentrating in only a few commodities the trend is for companies to diversify. Commission houses concentrate largely on futures business and principally on behalf of clients.

As far as jobs are concerned, Farideh as a graduate is not typical.

These companies are dominated by men

Most firms are small. The larger ones have an average of only 150 staff and many believe in catching their employees young and training them but this does vary from firm to firm. Researchers are normally graduates in appropriate disciplines; floor traders, who are often described as needing the talents of a barrow boy usually begin their careers at 16 or 18 and are often burnt out at 30, having made their fortunes and retired or moved to less strenuous work.

Floor traders are the visible people – physically present on the market floor, trading at the tops of their voiced, sent by member companies to the relevant exchanges to buy and sell as instructed or as they see fit. But, to the London Commodities Exchange they are only the tip of the iceberg.

Off the floor are the back office and desk traders, the decision-takers, glued to their videos, monitoring price changes and phoning instructions on the New York or other exchanges worldwide as well as to the London floor traders.

Further up the ladder come the senior traders, monitoring the activities on the various desks and responsible for the large client liaison work. Also behind the scenes are the researchers who may specialize in either fundamental research – weather, crops, currency fluctuations, political developments or technical analysis – charting and predicting short-term price movements and therefore, most heavily used by speculators.

Researchers are usually bright young economics or statistics graduates, but traders have a variety of backgrounds. Academic qualifications are less important than other qualities, and though the companies which recruit graduates can and do take their pick of the brightest, they are not normally interested in the subject studied for a degree. Two of the top traders in one company are in fact graduates in languages and history.

A good floor trader needs skills that do not come with a degree nor even with A levels. "Streetwise" is a definition that crops up frequently as an alternative to "barrow boy". The essentials are a quick mind, self-confidence, a knack with figures and an instinct for a good buy. Languages can be useful.

French is commonly used in international trading but any language might come in useful at some point. And one of the most important qualities is the ability to thrive under pressure. Rewards for the right people are exceptional. Good traders can earn six figure salaries while still in their twenties and become managing directors before thirty. Because of the blend of skills required by traders, background is not important.

There is no requirement to have been to the right school or to Oxbridge and a mixture of accents is not unusual on the trading floor.

Like the rest of the City, commodities companies are largely dominated by men. Farideh Bromfield still remembers her first day at work when she walked into an openplan office occupied by 100 young men in three-piece suits. But she is proof that it does not now have to be a man's world.

● *Further information:* The London Commodities Exchange Company Ltd, 58 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7NE; the Federatio of Commodity Associations, Plantation House, Mincing Lane, London EC3M 3HT.

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Southampton THE UNIVERSITY

CHAIR OF FRENCH

Applications are invited for the Chair of French. Applicants may have research interests in any field of scholarship appropriate to a Department of French. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary & Registrar, The University, Southampton, SO9 5NH, to whom applicabons (9 copies from persons in the UK) should be sent before 17 February 1986. Please quote ref. no. AJS/85/74/T.

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Further particulars from the Registrar (Appointments), University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH, to whom applications should be returned by January 31 1986. Informal enquiries may be made to the Director of the School of Social Work, Professor Noel Timms, 107 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7LA (telephone (0533) 554677).

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Additional information may be obtained from: Dr. B. Coulbeck, Reader in Control Systems, Director of Water Control Unit. Tel. (0533) 543082.

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Applications should be sent to the College Secretary, Balliol College, Oxford OX1 3BJ, from whom further details may be obtained, not later than Saturday 25 January 1986.

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Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary to the Council, Epsom College, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 4JQ.

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BIRTHS

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BICKFORD-SMITH. - On December 31st, at St James Hospital, Leeds, to Angela (nee Minnekeer), and Philip, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, a sister for Clare.

CHRISTOFIDES. - On January 3rd in London to Felicity (nee James) and Christakis, a son Philip Christakis.

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STRATTON on 20th December, 1985 to Vivien and James a daughter, Jessica Louise, a sister for Lucy.

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YOUNG on 3rd January 1986 in Boston. To Anne (nee Ellis) and Barry Young, a son William Frederick.

BIRTHDAYS

SMITH to John, 60 today Happy Burh-uth-uth-day. Love as always, Audrey, Simon and Gillian.

MARRIAGES

FICK:CASE - On January 3rd George Pick of Datchet and Norma Case of Windlesham.

ANNIVERSARIES

TO JANE Happy Anniversary, congratulations from all who have got finesse.

DEATHS

BUCKLAND Lt Col. Forrester Knowling, RAMC (rtd) Jan 2nd. Beloved father of Lance, Ross, Sean and Catherine. Funeral Carrison Church Bassingbourne, Royston, Herts. 11.15am, Jan 10th Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

COUCH.—Marjorie Kathleen at Suth Petherton, Somerset, on 3rd Jauary 1986. Funeral service at Shepto Beauchamp Parish Church on Wednesday 8th January at 2.45pm followed by cremation at Yeovil. No flowers please, donations in lieu if desired for Cancer Research, c/o Irish and Denman Funeral Directors, Palmer Street, South Petherton, Somerset

FOXCROFT Robert Gill Bentley aged 45 on Wednesday 1st January 1986 in Hammersmith. Dearest husband of Rosemary and loving father of Hannah, Thomas and Zoe. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Black Lion Lane, W6 on Monday 13th January at 11am followed by committal at Mortlake Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers to St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, 14 Fitzroy Square, W1P 6AH.

GRANT. - On January 2nd, 1986, peacefully at home, in Middleton-on-Sea, West Sussex. Frank Grant, CB, OBE, aged 96 years, dearly loved husband of Eileen and father of Sheila and the late Donald. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium, on Friday, January 10th, at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, for Muscular Dystrophy Group, may be sent c/o F A Holland & Son, 35/37 Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis. Tel: (0243) 827311.

GUMERSALL.—On 3rd January peacefully in Epsom and Ewell Cottage Hospital, Muriel Ungoed, beloved wife of Geoffrey, adored mother of Tanis, grandmother of Ashley and Jasper, mother-in-law of Howard. Funeral private.

GUYON. - On January 2nd, Vera Gabrielle Pomeroy (formerly of Helmsley). Funeral service and interment at All Saints, Church, Helmsley, on Tuesday January 7th at 2pm.

HEAD - MARGARET MACLELLAN, on December 30th 1985, peacefully in hospital, aged 66. Much loved wife of the late Lt. Col. Peter Head, and mother of Penelope and Patrick. Funeral service at Sesgry Parish Church, at 1.15pm, on Friday 10th January 1986, followed by private Cremation.

HOGARTH. On January 2nd, Grace Freda of Edith Weston, Rutland. Funeral service Wednesday 8th January at 2pm at Edith Weston Parish Church.

HOWARD. - On January 2nd 1986, at his home Crossland Fosse, Box End, nr Bedford, Sir John Howard, DL, FICE, aged 84, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Anthony, Peter, Richard and Elizabeth. Funeral at St James Church, Biddenham, nr Bedford, on Wednesday, January 8th, at 11am. In place of flowers donations may be sent to the Sir John Howard Foundation, c/o Headmaster, Bedford School.

IRVING on New Year's Day. Charles Arthur le Mesurier, OBE, aged 82 years of Millbrook End, Tattingstone, Ipswich, dearly beloved husband of Eleanor and father of Edward, Caroline, Denys, Andrew and Katharine. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Tattingstone, 12 noon, Friday, January 10th. Flowers to Co-operative Chapel of Rest, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich. Tel: 55822 or donations to the Balliol Educational Trust, Balliol College, Oxford.

JEPHCOTT. - On 2nd January after a short illness bravely borne in hospital in Leamington Spa, Elsie Anna, formerly Burn, in her 80th year. Widow of Sidney Jephcott, of John O'Gaunt Road, Kenilworth. One time resident of Chiswick, London, W4. Funeral service at Oakley Wood Crematorium, Leamington Spa, on Thursday 9th January at 12.30pm. Messages of condolence, floral tributes or donations if desired for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund maybe sent to Mrs Sara Burn Edwards, c/o The John Taylor Funeral Service, 178 Warwick Road, Kenilworth.

JOYCE - On December 31st, in Washington DC, Jane Chase Joyce, widow of the late Robert P Joyce.

LEWORTHY - On January 3rd 1986, peacefully at home, John Basil Leworthy, V.R.D., R.N.R., husband of Esme and father of Ann and Richard. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations if desired to the R.N.L.I. Service of Thanksgiving for his life to be held on a date to be announced.

MACDONALD - Dorothy Agnes (Bobbie) peacefully in hospital on 31st December, widow of Frank MacDonald, beloved mother of Dudley and Jennifer much loved grandmother of Rachel, Angus, Bronwen, Toby and Rose. Cremation at Putney Vale on Friday 10th January at 12 noon.

MATTHAEI, Anthony Roger Lucas, MC. Suddenly on January 2, 1986, at Blackheath, London, much loved husband of Hilda and devoted father of Charlotte and Alexander. Service at St Margaret's Church, Belmont Hill, Lee, SE13, at 1.30 pm on Friday, January 10, followed by cremation at Lewisham Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations please to St Margaret's Church.

MEACOCK - Pat, on December 31st 1985, in Chester, dearly loved wife of Graham and mother of Anna and Lucy. Funeral at St Francis', Chester, 1pm Friday, January 10th 1986. No flowers by request, donations to Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

ROCHFORT on 3rd January 1986, Oswald Patrick John (Paddy). Burial service at St Peters Church, Pebworth on Friday 10th January at 2.30pm.

RUSHTON on January 3rd suddenly at in Dormans Park. Alan Arthur beloved husband of Patricia much loved father of Ann and Peter and grandfather of Christopher. Funeral service at Worth Crematorium 11.30am Thursday 9th January. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The National Lifeboat Institution.

SAUNO MOHAN SINGH suddenly on 1st January. He will forever be treasured by his loving wife Joswinder Kaur and children Jasbir, Dalbit Balvir, Herolsh and Raindor. Cremation in Leeds on 10th January.

SLATER - William Alexander Roy, on 1st January 1986, peacefully at his home Ratcliffe House, Princes Gate, Peterborough in his 84th year. Dearly beloved husband of Valerie. Funeral service on Thursday 9th January, 1986 at Peterborough Crematorium at 12.30 p.m. No flowers please, donations if desired may be made to St. Mark's Church, c/o Canon J. King, St. Mark's Vicarage, Lincoln Road, Peterborough.

STANBRIDGE - On January 3rd 1986 peacefully. Air Vice Marshall Reginald Horace, beloved husband of Inez and father of Rex. Funeral private.

THWAITES Joseph Jeffrey. Funeral service will take place at St Thomas Becket Church Chapel en le Frith. On Tuesday 7th January at 1.30 pm. Not 8th January as originally announced.

DEATHS

WILSON On January 2nd peacefully at Davenham Hall, David formerly of Rostherne and Knutsford. Widower of Frances and Peg, dear father of Sue and Fiona, grandfather of Mark, Simon, Nigel, Roger and Wendy. Service at the Altrincham Crematorium on Wednesday January 8th at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Cancer Research Campaign may be sent Messrs John G. Ashton & Co. Church Street, Altringham. Tel: 061 928 7816.

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FUNERALS

SINCLAIR - The funeral took place on December 30th at Amersham of Robert Sinclair, journalist, and author of "Metropolitan Man", "The British Press" and "East London". Former editor of Time and Tide and Oxford Junior Encyclopedia.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CLARENCE SMITH. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Hilda Clarence Smith will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton Road, S.W.7, on Wednesday 8th January 1986, at 2.30pm. Tea afterwards at the Rembrandt Hotel.

DAVIDSON - The Dowager Viscountess Davidson (Baroness Northchurch), DBE. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Frances Joan Davidson, Baroness Northchurch, DBE, will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Friday 31st January 1986. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply for tickets to: The Receiver General, Room 31, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, by not later than Thursday 16th January 1986. Tickets will be posted on Friday 24th January 1986.

RYDER SCARFE. Memorial services for Mrs Joan Ryder Scarfe will be held at Trinity Church, St Albans at 11am on January 9th and United Reform Church, Clinton Place, Seaford at 11am on January 16th.

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ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. REUBEN, REUBEN (15) at 2.30 (not Sun), 4.30, 6.40 & 8.50.
ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Italy's outstandingly beautiful FORGET VENICE (18). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. Sun at 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. THE WANDERER (Le Grand Meaulnes (PG). Progs. 4.00, 6.10, 8.20.

CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (Opp Camden Town Tube) Peter Greenaway's A ZED & TWO NOUGHTS (15). Film at 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45.

CHELSEA CINEMA 351 3742 Kings Road (nearest Tube Sloane Sq) Peter Greenaway's A ZED & 2 NOUGHTS (15). Film at 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45. Seats Bookable for last eve perf.

CURZON MAYFAIR, Curzon Street, 499 3737. Paul Scofield, Maria Schell, Frank Finlay, Diana Quick in NINETEEN NINETEEN (15). Film at 2.00 (Not Sun) 4.10, 6.20 & 8.40.

CURZON WEST END, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1. 439 4805. Glenda Jackson, Ben Kingsley in TURTLE DIARY (PG). Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20 & 8.40. Seats bookable at £4.00 for 8.40 perf daily.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq) / 839 1759 (24 hour Access/ Visa bookings). SILVERADO (PG) in 70mm. Sep progs Daily 2.00, 5.10, 8.20. All progs Bookable in advance.

LUMIERE CINEMA 379 3014/836 0691 St Martin's Lane WC2 (Leicester Sq Tube). Peter Greenaway's A ZED AND TWO NOUGHTS (15). Film at 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45. Lic Bar. Seats Bookable for Eve Perfs.

MINEMA KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225. COLONEL REDL (15) daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.

ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738) DEFENCE OF THE REALM (PG). Sep progs Daily 2.15, 6.15, 8.45. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250/4259. Alexander Salkind presents SANTA CLAUS – The Movie (U) in 70mm. Sep progs. Doors open Daily 1.30, 4.45, 7.45. All progs Bookable in advance. Access and Visa phone bookings welcome. Credit Hot Line 839 1929. 24-hour service. £2.00 seats available Monday all perfs.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) Walt Disney Pictures presents THE BLACK CAULDRON (U) Sep progs. Doors open Daily 2.00, 5.00, 7.45. Reduced prices for under 16s, Student card holders, UB40 holders, OAPs.

SCREEN AT THE ELECTRIC 229 3694. The Powell/Pressburger Technicolor Masterpiece, "BLACK NARCISSUS" (PG). Superb new print. 2.55, 4.50, 7.00, 9.00. Seats bookable.

SCREEN ON BAKER ST. 935 2772. (1) The Powell/Pressburger masterpiece THE LIFE AND DEATH OF COLONEL BLIMP (u). 4.00, 7.35.
(2) LETTER TO BREZHNEV (15). 2.45, 4.40, 6.55, 8.50 Fri/Sat 11.15.

SCREEN ON ISLINGTON GREEN, 226 3520. BACK TO THE FUTURE (u). Dolby Stereo. 1.40, 3.55, 6.30, 8.45.

SCREEN ON THE HILL 435 3366. MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE (15). 2.55 4.50 6.50 9.00. Seats bookable.

ART GALLERIES

BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-638 4141. Until 26 Jan: NIHONGA, Contemporary Japanese painting in traditional style. Adm £2 and £1. Ticket also admits to Kenzaburo Miyaya's exhibition of antique "Noshi" in the Barbican Concourse Gallery. Mon-Sat 10am-7.15pm. Sun & Hols 12pm-7.15pm. Part of TOKI The tradition in Japan Today, a festival of traditional Japanese culture in the Barbican Centre including films and foyer exhibitions

BRITISH LIBRARY, Gt Russell St, WC1. MIRROR OF THE WORLD: Atlases, Maps and Globes. Wkdys 10-5, Sun 2.30-6. Adm free.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank SW1. THE PERMANENT COLLECTIONS OF BRITISH AND MODERN ART. Adm free. Wkdays 10-5.50, Sun 2-5.50. Recorded Info. 01-821 7128.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM – The Nation's Treasury House, S. Kensington. SHOTS OF STYLE: Great Fashion Photographs chosen by David Bailey. HATS FROM INDIA. PRINTS & DRAWINGS: ACQUISITIONS 1981-84. JEWELLERY BY KEVIN COATES (until 9 Jan). Wkdys 10.00-5.50, Sun 2.30-5.50. Closed Fridays. Recorded info 01-581 4894.

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood: Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Lynn Faulds Wood's consumer report; pop music news from Steve Blacknell; and Russell Grant's horoscopes.

9.20 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Stuart Bradley with guest Floella Benjamin (r). 10.50 Ceefax.

12.30 *News After Noon* with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale, includes subtitled news headlines. 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Bill Giles.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One *presented* by Paul Cola and Josephine Buchan. Jeff Banks joins celebrities at the Emanuel's Couture Fashion Show; David Wilkie introduces his six-year old swimming protege already training for the 1992 Olympics; and there is music from violinist Iona Brown and pop group Amazula. 1.45 Little Misses and the Mister Men. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).

2.00 The Parent Programme. The first of a new series designed to help parents cope with their pre-school children. Presented by Francis Wilson and Miriam O'Reilly. 2.15 Play It Safe! Accident avoidence advice for children, presented by Jimmy Savile (r). 2.25 See Hear! Magazine programme for the hard of hearing (shown yesterday). 2.50 Songs of Praise from the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool (shown yesterday) (Ceefax). 3.25 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional news.

3.55 Paddington Goes to Court (r). 4.00 Caterpillar Trail to the aquarium with Stuart Bradley. 4.15 Jimbo and the Jet Set. A new cartoon series. 4.20 George's Marvellous Medicine. Roald Dahl's story told by Rik Mayall. 4.30 Thunderbirds 2086. A new series of the animal science fiction series.

4.55 John Craven's Newsround.

5.05 Blue Peter with advice on how to utilise the Christmas cards that are due to be taken down tonight (Ceefax).

5.35 Charles in Charge. A new series of the American comedy about a male nanny and his charges.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas witchell. Weather.

6.35 London Plus presented by *Jeremy Paxman.*

7.00 Wogan. Wee Ronnie Corbett takes over this week. Among his guests this evening are Michael Parkinson, Jane Asher, Tom O'Connor and Arcadia.

7.40 Starsky and Hutch. The two policmen are undercover in a seedy dance hall, on the trail of a maniac (r).

8.30 Don't Wait Up. Toby thinks that his separation from Angela necessitates his resignation from the World International Dermatological Association; while Tom is worried about the need for a new receptionist. Starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

9.30 Film: The Ipcress File (1965) starring Michael Caine. Harry Palmer, ex-Army officer, is transferred to a civilian branch of a counter espionage group where he investigates a scientific brain drain. Directed by Sidney J. Furie.

11.10 World Darts. Highlights of the last four matches in the first round of the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship, from the Lakeside Country Club, Camberley.

12.10 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Henry Kelly. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; Derek Jameson at 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.54; the best of TV-am's first two years at 8.17; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35; actress Gwen Taylor talks about her holiday in Torremolinos at 9.04; and a discussion on paternity leave at 9.12.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 For Schools: Part one of a Russian film version of Robinson Crusoe. 9.47 How a letter reaches its destination. 9.59 The story of Tortoise's Tug-of-War. 10.11 The uses of a computer. 10.28 Physics: the determination of the velocity of light. 10.45 First year German. 11.06 Maths: numbers and length. 11.22 Maths: counting in various languages. 11.39 French dialogue dealing with hotels and accommodation.

12.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children. 12.10 Let's Pretend to the tale of The Grass is Always Greener.

12.30 Drugs for All? The first of a new series presented by Jenny Bryan in which doctors, pharmacists and patients talk about the problems of prescribing drugs.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news.

1.30 *Film: Houdini (1953) starring* Tony Curtis. A biography of the famous escapologist. With Janet Leigh. Directed by George Marshall.

3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors.

4.00 Tickle on the Tum. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 The Telebugs. A new cartoon series about a computer-age family programmed to help people in trouble. 4.20 He-Man and *Masters of the Universe.* 4.45 Spirit Bay. Set in the wilds of northern Canada.

5.15 Blockbusters.

5.45 News with Martyn Lewis. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Brent Association for the Disabled.

6.35 Crossroads. Roy Lambert's equipment goes up in a puff of smoke.

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Judith Chalmers has the first of a two-part report from India, beginning in Delhi; Anneka Rice takes a cycling holiday in the Lake District; and Sara Hollamby with husband Jeremy Gittins join a flotilla sailing holiday off the coast of Yugoslavia (Oracle).

7.30 Coronation Street. Susan Barlow is down in the dumps while Mavis takes a jaundiced view of things (Oracle).

8.00 All In Good Faith. Comedy series about a vicar with a crisis of conscience. He decides he needs a parish in a deprived inner city to awaken his religious zeal.

8.30 World in Action: The *Honourable Member for the* Unemployed. Out of work Harry Morgan from Tyneside lives the life of an MP for a week at the behest of Conservative MP Matthew Parris who swapped roles two years ago and lived on the dole for a week. Harry uses the opportunity to put the case for the unemployed.

9.00 The Bill. The officers of Sun Hill Police Station, Wapping, have a major car theft investigation on their hands (Oracle).

10.00 News at Ten and weather.

10.30 The Prince and Princess of Wales . . . A repeat of the interview given by the Royal couple to Alastair Burnet (Oracle).

11.20 Snooker. The Mercantile Credit Classic.

12.15 Night Thoughts.



Papa Holevas: The Hidden War. Channel 4: 10.00pm

● By isolating four white racists in the same Devon home as four black victims of racism and telling them not to pull their punches when they *are made to form a ring, Edward* Goldwyn's Horizon film ARE YOU A RACIST? (BBC 2, 8.10 pm) distils centuries of bigotry and pain and resentment and humiliation into little more than 50 uneasy minutes. At the end of the five days of confinement, only one move has been made towards any kind of reconciliation. But as this is signalled early on, the change of heart can, perhaps, be counted only as a very small miracle. Sadly, the *unnatural nature of this intimate* forum makes it a poor model for society at large to emulate. The brief encounter does, however, make gripping television, while inviting us to look inside ourselves for prejudices we never even suspected we harboured.

● GREECE: THE HIDDEN WAR

CHOICE

(Channel 4.10 pm) is an ambitious *three-part documentary series from* TVS. Whenever this Southampton-based ITV company manages to get something on the national network, I invariably find myself wanting to see more of its output, and Jane Gabriel's films are no exception. They adopt the same kind of format with respect to the Greek Civil War of 1947-49 as Granada Television did with their brilliant series about the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39. Survivors, extant, look back. *Archive film is mixed in. Historians* put matters into perspective. Nobody has yet come up with a better method. Tonight's film is, actually, only a scene-setter for the civil war. Hostilities proper begin *next week, with a detailed account* of the bitter harvest that resulted from the seeds of discontent we see being sown in tonight's film which is about the left-wing resistance movement EAM ELAS during the Second World War and Churchill's *decision (fiercely denounced by The Times)* to send in British troops to put down the partisans and keep Greece out of Stalin's hands.

● Radio choice: Tchaikovsky's opera IOLANTA (Radio 3, 10 pm) has nothing whatever to do with G & S. This libretto (by the composer's brother Modest) is based on Hertz's play *King Rene's Daughter.* Rostropovich conducts, with his wife Galina Vishnevskaya singing the title role . . . THE STAR WARS *HISTORY (Radio 3, 9.15 pm) offers* us a second chance to hear Dr Henry Kissinger defending the policy of detente he pursued . . . Bob Geldof answers listeners' questions in tonight's JANICE LONG SHOW on Radio 1 (7.30 pm).

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

9.15 Daytime on Two: A short-term commission in any of the Forces. 9.38 Leaving home for the first time – the problems of bed-sit land. 10.00 For four *and five-year-olds. 10.15* Music: rhythm and the beat. 10.38 History: the Berlin blockade and the Korean War. 11.00 The early days of space travel. 11.22 Thinkabout. 11.40 The first of three programmes *examining some of the issues* that divide East and West.

12.10 The GCSE: General Issues. 12.40 Technical studies: non-ferrous metals and alloys. 1.08 Lesson one of a better badminton course. 1.38 Scotland's vehicle industry. 2.00 Words and Pictures. 2.18 Part one of a two-episode play about two teenagers experiencing their first serious relationship. 2.40 Buddy, a five-part drama starring Roger *Daltrey.*

3.05 Ceefax.

4.30 World Darts. Highlights from last night's action in the Embassy World Professional Darts Championships.

5.00 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. The first of six on the subject of communicating, given by Professr David Pye.

6.00 Film: The Private Life Henry VIII* (1933) starring Charles *Laughton as the notorious* monarch. The story begins with his marriage to Jane Seymour on the day Anne Boleyn, his second wife, is executed. With Robert Donat as Thomas Culpepper, Merle *Oberon as Anne Boleyn, and* Wendy Seymour as Jane Seymour. Directed by Alexander Korda.

7.30 Frickley – The Changes. The first of a new series following five people from villages around Frickley colliery during 1985. The first subject is Steve who began his year in Armley Jail, Leeds, on an explosive charge. He is released on bail on the condition that he lives at least 50 miles from his home.

8.10 Horizon: Are You a Racist? After selecting four applicants each from a newspaper advertisement asking for racists and victims of racism, *the eight people spent five* days together in an isloated house in Devon. The cameras recorded as the two points of view were investigated by each other. (see Choice).

9.00 The Boat. Part two of the superb drama about the crew of a German U-boat, on patrol in 1941, attempting to disrupt supply lanes to Britain. This evening they sight a British convoy. English subtitles (r).

10.30 *World Darts. Highlights of the* final matches of the first round in the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship. Followed by a Philip Larkin poem read by Harold Pinter.

10.55 Newsnight. 11.40 Weather.

11.45 Télé-Journal. The news in German from the ZDF channel; and in French from Antenne Deux in Paris. Ends at 12.15.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Snooker. Dickie Davies introduces action in the Mercantile Credit Classic. This afternoon Joe Johnson and Eugene Hughes battle for a place in the quarterfinals.

4.00 A Plus 4. Mavis Nicholson talks to Billy Bragg, the successful singer of songs with a message.

4.30 Countdown. The first round of a new series of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition pits croupier Jonathan Stewart from Bury St Edmunds, against Julia Styles, a student from East Grinstead.

5.00 Alice. When Jolene, a former trucker, meets her old partner who is too tired to carry on with his run, she, with Alice and Vera, volunteers to finish the job. It is only when they reached an unpaved section of the journey that the girls discover they have a cargo of dynamite.

5.30 Food for Thought. Part one of a repeated series presented by Marion Bowman and Brian J Ford illustrating that better eating habits could improve the nation's health. This *opening programme examines* how the average Briton's diet has changed over the past two centuries.

6.15 World of Animation.

6.30 Be Your Own Boss. Henry Cooper introduces the first in a repeated series on how to set up and expand one's own business. A wine-bar, a small computer firm, and a mail order company are featured in this programme (Oracle).

7.00 Channel Four news with Peter Sissons and Alastair Stewart includes a report by Michael Rogin, professor of political studies at Berkeley, on the number of times President Reagan alludes to old films in his speeches.

7.50 Comment. On the subject of relationships with pets is writer Angela Patmore. Weather.

8.00 Brookside. Pat and Sandra are growing tired of their *uninvited guest.*

8.30 Lou Grant. Rossi discovers conflicts of interest on the staff of the Trib and he writes a story that has the sparks flying in the city office.

9.30 Chance in a Million. The first of a new series of the comedy starring Simon Callow as the accident-prone Tom Chance, and Brenda Blethyn as his long-suffering girlfriend, Alison. In tonight's episode Tom receives a demand from the Inspector of Taxes to make an honest woman of his daughter, and an Uncle Matteo insisting on a shot-gun wedding.

10.00 Greece: The Hidden War (see *Choice).*

11.00 The Eleventh Hour: Acting Tapes. The start of a series exploring the ideas and training methods behind two major opposing acting styles of the 20th century theatre and cinema, beginning with the naturalistic style of acting developed in the Moscow Arts Theatre, the Stanislavsky system. Ends at 12.00.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Farming Week. An interview with a leader of the agricultural industry, followed by a five-day weather forecast for farmers. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.†

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.

8.35 The Week on 4 with Edward Cole.

8.43 More Wrestling than Dancing. David Moreau recollects some attempts to come to grips with life (1). Bearded Like a Pard. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Start the Week, with Richard Baker.†

10.00 News; Money Box: A Question of Money. Questions on personal finance sent in by listeners (r).

10.30 Morning Story: Ming's Biggest Prey by Patricia Highsmith. Read by Crawford Logan.

1045 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 114).†

11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way. Brian Johnston visits Thornbury in Avon (r).†

11.48 Poetry Please! Poetry requested by listeners. Readers: Jill Balcon and Ronald Pickup. Presented by P J. Kavanagh.

12.00 News: You and Yours. Presented by Pattie Coldwell.

12.27 Brogue Male. Four stirring tales in which Sir Digby Spode and the trusty Hubert Carstairs thwart the forces of swarthy skulduggery (2). 'The Mandrake Connection'. With Richard Johnson, Royce Mills, Roy Kinnear and Angela Down.† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Angela Knight investigates the scrutineers of palms, the readers of tarot cards and the lookers into crystal balls. Also episode five of Crampton Hodnet by Barbara Pym, read by Patricia Routledge.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: Poor Bessie, by Jack Gratus. An heiress goes on a tour of British spas trying to find the ideal man. With Penelope Nice, Jon Croft and Edward de Souza (r).†

4.30 Kaleidoscope presented by Paul Vaughan.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News; Financial Report.

6.30 *Just a Minute. Panel game with* Kenneth Williams, Clement Freud, Tim Rice and Gyles Brandreth. In the chair: Nicholas Parsons (r).†

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 On Your Farm goes to the market (r).

7.45 Science Now. Peter Evans pays a visit to the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington.

8.15 The Monday Play. David and . . . who's Goliath? by Paul Abbott. With Jason Littler, Niall O'Brien and Kelly Hampson in the cast.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine presented by Paul Vaughan.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Vice Versa by F Anstel. Abridged in 12 parts (6). Read by David Davis. 10.29 Weather

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Worlds Elsewhere. Collectors of antiquarian books and comics talk about their enthusiasm for the hobby (r).

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather. Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Music Makers. 11.20 Let's Move! 11.40 Johnny Ball's Maths Games. 11.50 Poetry Corner. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 Playtime. 2.0 Introducing Science. 2.40 Topic Songbook. 2.45 Radioclub. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: A-Level English – Chaucer and his World.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Haydn's Symphony No 31 (Philharmonia Hungarica); Chopin's Prelude No 16 in B flat minor (Alicia de Larrocha, piano); Dvorak's Serenade in D minor, Op 44 (Chamber Orchestra of Europe).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Tchaikovsky's Letter Scene from Eugene Onegin (Galina Vishnevskaya, soprano and Bolshoi Opera Orchestra); Janacek's String Quartet No 2, Intimate Letters (Smetana Quartet); Bartok's Hungarian Sketches (Budapest SO).† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Stravinsky Four Studies, Op 7 (Michel Beroff, piano); Two Melodies of Gorodetzky (Davidova, soprano/Ljubimov, piano); Symphony in E flat Op 1 (Scottish National Orchestra).†

10.00 Louis Moreau Gottschalk: Philip Martin (piano). Grand Scherzo, Op 57; *Ballade No 6 Op 85; Suis-mol, Op 45;* La Savane, Op 33; Grand Triumphal Fantasy on the Brazilian National Hymn, and other works.†

10.45 Vaughan Williams: The LPO under Boult play the Symphony No 9.†

11.25 French Songs: Mary King (mezzo), with Catherine Edwards (piano). Duparc's Le galop; Extase; Chanson triste; Debussy's Fêtes galantes, Sets 1 and 2.†

12.00 BBC Scottish SO (under Kraemer), with Sandra Dugdale (soprano), Mozart arias Nehmt meinen Dank; No, no che non sei capace: J C Bach's Sinfonia in G minor, Op 6 No 6; the aria Cara la dolce fiamma, Adriano in Siria; Haydn's Symphony No 102.† 1.00 News.

1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Zvi Seitlin (violin), Gordon Back (piano), Bartok's Andante; Stravinsky's Suite italienne; Schumann's Sonata No 2 in D minor, Op 121.†

2.00 Music Weekly: including Tessa *Knighton's Homage to* Barcelona; Iain Fenlon on The Rite of Spring and its Russian origins; and Graham Johnson and Anthony Rolfe Johnson talking about Ten years of the Songmakers' Almanac (r).†

2.45 New Records: Enesco's Romanian Poem, Op 1 (Monte Carlo PO); Kodaly's String Quartet No 1 (Kodaly Quartet); Suk's Ballade and Serenade Op 3 (Jene, cello; Klansky, piano); Schoenberg's Verklarte Nacht, Op 4 for string sextet (Ensemble Intercontemporain members).† *4.55 News.*

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure; Natalie Wheen presents a selection of recorded music.†

6.30 Music for the Iron Voice: Graham Barber at the organ of Pfarrkirche St Johannis, Osnabruck, West Germany. Reger's Chorale *Preludes Vom Himmel hoch, da* komm ich her, Op 67 No 42; Wer Weiss, wie nahe mir mein Ende, Op 67 No 50; Sonata No 2 in D Minor, Op 60.†

7.00 Tif'ereth: by Emmanuel Nunas. First performance of the EBU commission. Orchestra National *de France (under Segerstam and* Tamayo). With instrumentalists Regis Pasquier (violin), Maurice Bourgoe (oboe) Andre Bantlez (horn) Michel B Becquet (trombone), Frederic Stochl (double-bass), Sylvio Gualda (percussion). Part one.†

8.10 *Daughters: Sara Coward reads* the short story by Elaine Eveleigh.

8.30 Tif'ereth: part two.†

9.15 The Star Wars History: Michael Charlton presents the second programme in the series. Tonight: Deterrence Through Detente: The *Hand of Henry Kissinger. Others* taking part include Richard Perle, Gerard Smith and Helmut Sonnenfeldt (r).

10.00 Iolanta: Peter Tchaikovsky's one-act opera, sung in Russian Rostropovich conducts the Paris Orchestra and Groupe Vocal de France. Soloists include Galina Vishnevskaya (in the title role). James Anderson, Tania Gedda, Colleen Gaetano, Dimiter Petkov, Tom Krause and Nicolai Gedda.†

11.45 Paganini: Salvatore Accardo (violin) with the Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Franco Tamponi. Larghetto con passione; Moto Perpetuo; Andante amoroso.†

11.45 News.

12.00 *Russian Orthodox Christmas* Vigil, celebrated at the Russian Orthodox Church, Ennismore Gardens, London. Conducted by Metropolitan Anthony of Surozh. The commentator is Alyona Kojevnikov Ends at 1.30am †

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. Sports Desks 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (MF) only, 9.55.

4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore incl 6.15 Pause for Thought.† 8.05 Ken Bruce incl 8.45 Pause for Thought.† 10.30 Jimmy Young† Incl 12.30 the FA Cup Fourth Round Draw. 1.05pm David Jacobs † 2.00 Anne Ford † 3.30 Music All the Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† 6.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Alan Dell with Dance *Band Days and Big Band Era.†* 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with the best of jazz on record.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Conch Quiz. Pam Ayres, Sheila Anderson, Bill Oddie and Roger Lovegrove in a battle of natural history wits, aided and abetted by Paddy Feeney. 10.30 Star Sound Special: The Magic of Disney. With Nick Jackson. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson). 12.45 Paul Jordan 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson). 5.45 Bruno Brookes. 7.30 Janice Long incl your chance to phone Bob Geldof and Simon Bates about the recent Live Aid Update programme and the work of the Band Aid Trust. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2. 10.00pm As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Foreign Affairs. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of British Press. 9.15 Good Books. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Peebles' Choice. 10.00 News. 10.01 Questions of Faith. 10.30 Hesville USA. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Development '86. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Quote, Unquote. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Beethoven and the Violin. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Poets on Music. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Questions of Faith. 3.45 Development '86. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 No Place Like It. 4.30 Sex and Violence and Opera. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 Book Choice. 8.00 News. 9.15 Sex and Violence and Opera. 9.30 Rock Salad. 10.00 News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 No Place Like It. 11.30 Quote, Unquote. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Sarah And Company. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 No Place Like It. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Sound of Strings. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 Wales: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 The Collie's Tale. 12.10am-12.40 Rugby Special (Bath v Waterloo). 12.40-12.45 News and weather. Scotland: 10.10am-10.30 Bzzz. 5.35pm-6.00 Catchword. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 9.30-10.45 Sportscene 85. 10.45-12.30am Film: The Ipcress File. (Michael Caine). 12.30-12.35 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Up front. 12.10am-12.30 The Sky at Night. 12.30-12.35 New and weather. England: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts: 12.55pm The Puppet Man. 1.35 Legend of the Christmas Messenger. 2.00 Ffenestri. 2.20 Moelwyn. 2.35 Hwnt ac Yma. 2.55 Snooker: Mercantile Credit Classic. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Gardeners' Calendar. 5.00 Ysgoloriaeth. 5.30 A Closer Encounter. 6.30 Anturiaethau Syr Wynff a Plwmsan. 7.30 Llun Llyfrau. 8.00 Lou Grant. 9.00 Gweithdy Comedi. 9.35 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 10.05 Mel Brooks Hails Sid Caesar. 1.00 The Mysteries: Doomsday. 12.10am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: We're no Angels (Humphrey Bogart). 6.00-7.00 Central News. 12.15am Closedown.

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HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Hour of Decision (Lionel Jeffries). 3.00-3.30 Three Little Words. 6.00-7.00 News. 12.15am Movie Makers. 12.45 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.30am-12.00pm Schools. 6.00-7.00pm Wales at Six.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Footsteps *in the Dark (Errol Flynn).* 3.15 Cartoon. 3.25-3.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Survival. 12.15am A Peculiar People, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Film: Passionate Friends* (Ann Todd). 3.10 Eskimos: Changing Culture. 3.25 Granada Reports. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 12.15am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm *Lunchtime.* 1.30 Film: Another Time, Another Place (Lana Turner). 3.15 Cartoon. 3.30-4.00 Short Story Theatre. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle. 12.15am News, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Action Line. 1.35 Film: Death Penalty. 3.00-4.00 About Gaelic. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 What's Your Problem? 12.15am Crime Desk. 12.25 Late Call, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25 Help Yourself. 1.30 Film: Another Time, Another Place (Lana Turner). 3.15 Ice. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Country Practice. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Enterprise '86. 12.15am Comedy Tonight. 12.45 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: *1.20pm News. 1.30-*3.30 Film: The Long Memory (John Mills). 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 12.15pm News, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Dangerous Davies, the Last Detective. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.15 Indoor Gardening. 6.30-7.00 Mr and Mrs. 12.15am News, Closedown.

TVS *As London except: 1.20pm* News. 1.30 Home Cookery Club. 1.35-3.30 Film: Paper Tiger (David Niven. 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 10.30 Questions. 11.00 Prince and Princess of Wales. 11.50 Snooker. 12.15am Company Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: start 9.25 For Openers. 1.20 Channel News and Weather. 1.30 Home Cookery Club. 5.12 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.15 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 Jersey's New Bailiff. 10.30 Questions. 11.00 The Prince and Princess of Wales. 11.50 Snooker. 12.15am Weather & Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Rockets Galore (Donald Sinden). 3.00-3.30 Canon in the Kitchen. 6.00 Northern *Life. 6.45-7.00 PSA Report.* 12.15am Hello God! Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Lunchtime Live. 2.00-3.30 Film: Not Wanted on Voyage (Brian Rix). 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All. 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

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Gadaffi denies aid for Abu Nidal

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Mr Peres denied a report in *The Sunday Times* that the airport attacks were in fact organized by Libya and Syria, using the Abu Nidal group. He said that Abu Nidal was responsible, with substantial support from Libya, but he also warned Syria that it was courting retaliation if it was not "more careful" in supporting terrorism.

Senator Richard Lugar, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday that the Reagan Administration did not yet have evidence of "the smoking gun" in Libyan hands, and suggested that a US "surgical strike" was not imminent.

● **MOSCOW:** The Soviet media has reacted for the first time to the airport outrages with attacks on the US, which it accused of military threats against Libya and of plotting to bring down Colonel Gadaffi (Christopher Walker writes).

In a report from Washington, *Pravda*, the Communist Party paper, said that recent pronouncements by Libya denying responsibility for the attacks had been ignored totally.

Citing US press reports, it said that the Pentagon and the Central Intelligence Agency were preparing for armed intervention, including plans to bomb Libya.

Pravda, which condemned the airport attacks, referred to what it claimed was a secret White House plan last November to destabilize Libya and to depose its leader.

The Government daily, *Izvestia*, accused both the US and Israel of using the airport attacks as an excuse to threaten Libya.

● **ARAFAT CLAIM:** Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, said yesterday that Syria and Libya are behind the recent lash of terrorist strikes in the Mediterranean and Europe and are trying to discredit his organization (Our Foreign Staff writes).

In an interview in *The Washington Post*, he also said that the United States, by refusing to negotiate with the PLO, had helped to create an environment in which radical young Palestinians are easily recruited for Arab terrorist operations.

Air veterans recall Heathrow's pioneer flight



Lord Winster (at microphone), the then Minister of Civil Aviation, speaking before take-off.



The Lancastrian 'Starlight" airborne.



Heathrow shortly before its opening in May 1945.



A toast by Captain Robert Alabaster (left), Marie Guthrie and Air Vice-Marshal Don Barnett in front of a photograph of the official inauguration.

By Patricia Clough

The 40th anniversary of the first passenger-carrying flight from Heathrow Airport, London, was celebrated at the weekend by the three members of the original crew.

Air Vice-Marshal Don Bennett, the pilot, Captain Robert Alabaster, the navigator, and Marie Guthrie, the "stargirl" or stewardess, attended the unveiling of a plaque in the Terminal One VIP lounge, commemorating their 36-hour flight to Buenos Aires. Their route went via Lisbon, Bathurst (now Banjul in The Gambia), Natal, Rio de Janeiro and Montevideo, and the crew remained on duty throughout.

The aircraft, a four-engined Lancastrian Starlight, a derivation of the wartime Lancaster bomber, carried 11 passengers and six crew on the first of a series of proving flights to South America by British South American Airways.

Heathrow Airport was not officially opened until five months later, on May 31, 1946.

The three recalled that Heathrow, now the busiest airport in the world, was simply a collection of tents and caravans. The control tower, a single-storey brick building, functioned for the first time for their flight.

"The airport looked like a runway under construction, which was almost what is was", Air Vice-Marshal Bennett said. "We had to ask the contractors three days beforehand if they could clear the runway so we could take off."

Heathrow now handles around 30 million passengers a year travelling to 200 destinations on 70 airlines. It has three main runways, and a fourth terminal, which will increase traffic by another eight million passengers, when it is opened in April.

Letter from Warsaw

Black market in expense accounts

Just as kettles have learned not to comment on the blackness of pots, so Fleet Street does well to stay mum about other people's padded expenses. The subject is one of the great unmentionables, banished like bereavement, head lice and errant relatives from decent conversation and public exposure.

But in the Soviet bloc the study of expense accounting has its own rewards, explaining away some of the small mysteries that help to poison East-West relations. Why, for example, did a troupe of East German actors disappear immediately to their hotel after performing in a West German theatre? The hosts assumed the worst: the East Germans were under orders to shun extramural contact. The real reason: the actors wanted to save their paltry Deutsche Mark allowance.

Why does the Polish trade fair delegate refuse to go to a bar with a Western businessman from a neighbouring stand? Because to pay for his round he would have to forgo the whole of his Sterling allowance for the day. So he slinks off, repressing his normal social habits, to a cheap *pension*. His Western colleagues and partners complain of arrogance, of a certain frigidity, speculate that the man is afraid of surveillance or blackmail, shake their heads despairingly about the division of Europe and order another Martini.

The economics are simple. The Polish Finance Ministry divides the average monthly pay of personnel employed in foreign missions by 30 and comes up with a *per diem* rate for business travellers abroad. A Polish business representative in Britain is allocated about £10 a day, about $15 in the United States, about 30 Deutsche Marks in West Germany, 138 francs in France. The ministry reckons that will buy two modest meals a day.

But, if the official traveller can to without eating and drinking in the West, he can become a moderately wealthy man in the East. The black market rate of the dollar is said to be about 600 zloties, about four times the official rate. Save 100 dollars on a trip and one has netted 60,000 zloties, or four months' average wages.

It is easy to spot the official trade reprentative on the move. At Warsaw airport his bags are overweight, bulging with cans of soup and spagetti which he intends to cook in his hotel room in the West.

He fuels up on canapes at cocktail parties; he masters the foreign city's bus system; and he always makes time for a trip to Woolworth's. A shrewd delegate will not simply bring back his dollars, he will use them to buy coffee, women's tights or chocolate and then sell them on the black market at home. Th profit margin is bigger.

The whole process is humiliating and there is a lobby for more generous expense allowances that would allow Soviet bloc negotiators to live on a par with their Western counterparts.

In terms of personal profitability, the Third World is the most desirable destination for Eastern businessmen. It is recognized by the Finance Ministry that travelling by bus is a more haphazard experience and indeed that the delegation might not even arrive at the negotiating table if they relied, say, on the scheduled services of Zaire. They are thus given a ten per cent bonus to cover taxi fares, the so-called Tropical Bonus.

When they return to Warsaw they must give a detailed breakdown of routes travelled, kilometres covered and standard cab fares. But this document is a recognized fiction, uncheckable.

The Finance Ministry has introduced new rules for 1986. The allowances will stay the same but foreign trade companies will have to finance the trips of their employees from export earnings. But most business trips abroad are actualy to arrange import deals, so the overall effect of the new ruling will probably be less travel for trade delegates. Still, the basic principle holds good for the foot soldiers of East-West trade: coming home is the nicest thing about going abroad.

Roger Boyes

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Exhibitions in progress

Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel (1586 to 1646); Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4, closed Mon (ends Jan 12).

The World of Mary Ellen Best; York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends Jan 26).

Contrasts – textiles and ceramics by West Midlands makers; Stafford Art Gallery, The Green; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4, closed Sun and Mon (ends Jan 11).

Drawings and illustrations by Ian Pollock; Newport Museum and Art Gallery, John Frost Square, Gwent; Mon to Thurs 9.30 to 5, Fri 9.30 to 4.30, Sat 9.30 to 4, closed Sun (ends Jan 11).

In the Bamboo Grove – 2000 years of Chinese Art; Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45, closed Sun (ends Jan 11).

Treasures of Fyvie; Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (Thurs 10 to 8), Sun 2 to 5.

John Tennent and Keith Rennison – paintings and prints; Dorset County Museum, High Street, Dorchester, Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 1 and 2 to 5 (ends Jan 25).

Patrick Procktor Prints, Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Southampton, Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon (ends Jan 26).

Exhibition of recent etchings and original drawings by Tessa Beaver, with ceramics by Phil Jolley; Helios Pictures, 2 Salisbury Road, Moseley, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 6.00, closed Sun (ends Jan 9).

Masterpieces of reality: Rare French 17th Century Paintings, Museum & Art Gallery, 96 New Walk, Leicester; Mon to Sat 10.00 to 5.30, Sun 2.00 to 5.30, closed Fri (ends Feb 2).

The Buildings of Walsall; Walsall Museum and Art Gallery Central Library, Lichfield St, 10 to 4.45.

Royal Photographic Society's 129th annual international exhibition; Museum and Art Gallery, Castle St, Carlisle, 9 to 5.

In their Circumstances: British portrait work of the last 25 years; Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, 12 to 5.

General

Antique Fair, Town Hall, Bakewell, Derbyshire, 10 to 5.

Anniversaries

Births: **Richard II**, regined 1377-99, Bordeaux, 1367; **Jacques Etienne Montgolfier** balloonist, Annonay, France, 1745; **Gustave Dore**, book illustrator, Strasbourg, 1832; **Carl Sandburg** poet, Galesburg, Illinois, 1878. Deaths: **Fanny Burney**, novelist and diarist, London 1840; **Gregor Mendel**, Geneticist, Brno, Czechoslovakia, 1884; **Theodore Roosevelt**, 26th president of the USA 1901-09, Oyster Bay, New York, 1911. **Today is the Feast of Epiphany**. Originally cefebrated in the East in honour of Christ's baptism, the Feast is now observed in the West as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the person of Mary.

The papers

The **Sunday Express**, commenting on the plans of Churchill and Eden Cabinets to crack down on immigration, says: "If only they had pushed their plans through, we know now how much misery we would have been spared today. The racial tension in our inner cities, the riots, the language and cultural problems in our schools."

The **Mail on Sunday** criticizes "the silliness of those nations like Bangladesh, who spite their own citizens in order to make an obscure political point by banning an English cricket team on the grounds that four of its members played and coached in South Africa" . . .

The **Sunday Mirror** takes up Labour's fear that the Government intends to replace women workers with jobless youngsters. "Of course our kids should be given every opportunity to work . . . But it must not be cheap labour, at the expense of their parents."

The **Sunday Times** says the only sensible target in the war against drink-driving would not be to impose a zero alcohol limit for motorists, but to "convince overindulgers that almost inevitably they will be caught and heavily punished".

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.11	2.07
Austria Sch	25.85	24.45
Belgium Fr	76.00	72.50
Canada $	3.085	1.995
Denmark Kr	13.49	12.75
Finland Mkk	8.12	7.72
France Fr	11.27	10.75
Germany DM	3.67	3.49
Greece Dr	276.00	246.00
Hong Kong $	11.50	11.00
Ireland Pt	1.208	1.148
Italy Lire	2505.00	2379.00
Japan Yen	305.00	289.00
Netherlands Gld	4.13	3.93
Norway Kr	11.32	10.77
Portugal Esc	236.00	223.00
South Africa Rd	4.05	3.85
Spain Pta	226.50	215.50
Sweden Kr	11.39	10.84
Switzerland Fr	3.10	2.94
USA $	1.50	1.43
Yugoslavia Dnr	550.00	480.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 378.4.

London: The *FT* Index closed on Friday up 11.1 at 1148.6.

New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed on Friday up 11.47 at 1546.20.

Nature notes

One or two nutcrackers from Russia have been reported on the east coast: they are like slim brown jays. Their normal food is pine seeds, and one of these vagrants that was fed on apples soon died. When ponds are frozen, moorhens wander far into the ploughed fields; on land one has a chance to see their green legs, with red garters and fleshy toes, as they walk with long strides across the furrows.

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White, fluffy patches of old man's beard still drape the hedges: at the centre of each tuft there is a dark ring of brown seeds. On beech-trees, the shrivelled leaves rattle in the wind; but new green leaves are opening on the honeysuckle that winds round the trunks of young birches.

Water voles are normally nocturnal, but on very cold days they will come out of their holes to sit on river-banks and feed in the sun.

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London weekends

The London Tourist Board, newly renamed the London Visitor and Convention Bureau, offers a free 30-page booklet on how to get the best value out of a weekend in the capital. A special section lists Sunday activities, to destroy the myth that there is nothing to do on Sundays. The booklet is sufficiently comprehensive to be of interest to residents as well visitors. Free for LVCB, Information Department, 26 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DU.

Roads

London and South-east: A23: Coulsdon, south London, only one lane open between Lion Green Road and the Avenue.

Midlands: M5: Hereford and Worcester, widening work between junctions 4 (A38 Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich), lanes closed both ways, only one lane northbound and no northbound access at Junction 5, expect long delays, 50mph speed limit. A452: Warwickshire, temporary lights at Chelsford Bridge, between Leamington and Kenilworth. A52: Nottingham to Grantham at Bottesford, Leicestershire, single lane traffic, lights.

North: M62: East of Burtonwood services, lane closures, delays at peak periods. A6: Kirkland in Kendal, Cumbria, resurfacing. A5063: Trafford Road, Salford (Greater Manchester) between Broadway and Taylorson Street, single line traffic, local diversions.

Wales and West: A30: Between Lifton and Okehampton, Devon, lights at various locations. A4119: Llantrisant to Tonypandy Road, Mid Glamorgan, roadworks and traffic lights at Williams Town, and Tonypandy. A338: Salisbury to Fordingbridge Road at Bodenham, roadworks.

Scotland: A78: Strathclyde, west of IBM factory, Greenock, lane restrictions on westbound inside lane for 500 metres. A82: 3 miles north of Invermoriston, Inverness-shire, reconstruction of carriageway starts today. A698: At Kelso, Roxburghshire, bridge works, single line traffic with lights.

Information supplied by AA

Bond winners

The winner of this week's £100,000 Premium Bond prize with number 18VZ 106473 lives in Lancashire. £50,000: 6TZ 946616 (Northamptonshire). £35,000: 18WB 665382 (Gloucestershire).

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Weather Forecast

Weak ridge of high pressure will decline as frontal troughs approach from the west.

6 am to midnight

London, Cen S, Cen N England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Mostly dry, fog patches slow to clear, wind variable light, max temp 5C (37F).

SE England, E Anglia: Rather cloudy, a little rain or sleet in places, wind NW moderate, max temp 3C (37F).

E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Rather cloudy, a little rain or sleet in places, fog patches slow to clear, wind light E, max temp 3C (37F).

SW England, S Wales: A few showers dying out and patchy fog at first, dry and sunny for a time but rain in evening, wind NW light becoming SW moderate or fresh, max temp 6C (43F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Patchy fog slow to clear, scattered showers, wind becoming SW light to moderate, max temp 4C (39F).

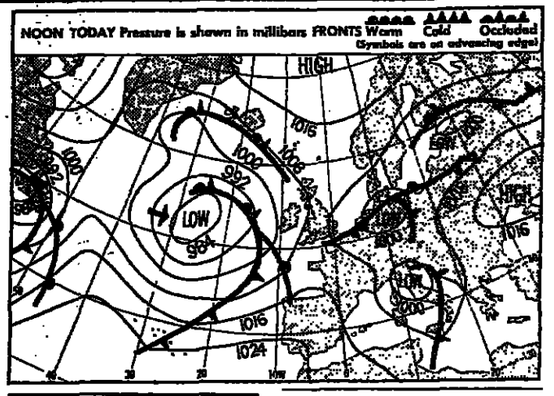
Aberdeen, Cen Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney: Mostly cloudy with showers or outbreaks of rain, sleet or snow, wind E moderate or fresh, max temp 3C (37F).

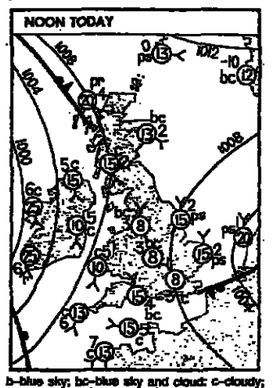
Shetland: Showers some snow, wind E moderate or fresh, max temp 2C (36F).

N Ireland: Patchy fog clearing, dry and bright for a time but rain later, wind SW light becoming strong, max temp 6C (43F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Outbreaks of rain spreading across Cen and S areas, turning to snow in places. Becoming less cold in the S.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind N fresh or strong becoming variable light, occasional rain or snow, visibility moderate or poor, sea rough becoming smooth. English Channel (E): Wind NW fresh or strong backing S, showers, visibility good, sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W light backing SE strong; rain later, visibility moderate or good, sea smooth becoming rough.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	8.05 am	4.08 pm
	Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	3.25 am	12.26 pm

New Moon: January 10.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.10	6.1	10.06	6.3
Aberdeen	9.22	3.6	9.35	3.9
Avonmouth	2.32	10.8	3.04	11.2
Belfast	8.50	3.0	7.20	3.4
Cardiff	2.17	10.1	2.49	10.4
Devonport	12.48	4.7	1.19	4.8
Dover	6.28	5.9	7.09	5.7
Falmouth	12.19	4.5	12.48	4.8
Glasgow	8.28	4.5	8.32	4.7
Harwich	7.05	3.3	8.06	3.3
Holyhead	6.08	4.7	6.29	5.0
Hull	1.19	8.5	2.16	8.3
Ilfracombe	1.16	7.4	1.47	7.7
Leith	10.24	4.8	10.49	5.0
Liverpool	6.50	8.0	7.18	8.2
Lowestoft	4.35	2.3	5.53	2.1
Margate	7.17	4.8	8.12	4.2
Milford Haven	1.37	5.7	2.06	6.0
Newquay	12.37	5.8	1.05	6.0
Oban	1.31	3.1	1.54	3.4
Penzance	12.06	4.7	12.34	4.8
Portland	2.4	1.8	2.28	1.6
Portsmouth	6.55	4.2	7.28	4.0
Shoreham	6.37	5.4	7.15	5.2
Southampton	6.39	4.1	7.8	3.9
Swansea	1.45	7.7	2.16	8.0
Tees	11.53	4.8		
Walton-on-Naze	6.57	3.7	7.54	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	3	37			
Birmingham	c	1	34			
Blackpool	c	3	37			
Bristol	c	3	37			
Cardiff	c	2	36			
Edinburgh	f	-1	30			
Glasgow	c	1	34			
Guernsey	r	5	41			
Inverness	c	-1	30			
Jersey	c	5	43			
London	c	3	37			
Manchester	sn	1	34			
Newcastle	s	-3	27			
Ronaldsway						

Lighting-up time

London 4.36 pm to 7.25 am
Bristol 4.48 pm to 7.44 am
Edinburgh 4.26 pm to 8.11 am
Manchester 4.36 pm to 7.53 am
Penzance 5.06 pm to 7.50 am

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.11in; Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 995.4 millibars, rising.

Overnight: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4C (39F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -1C (30F). Humidity: 6 pm, 91 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.08in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.06hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,008.1 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.5-in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 8C (45F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Eskdalemuir, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Vennor, 1.16in; highest sunshine: Scarborough, 4.5hr.

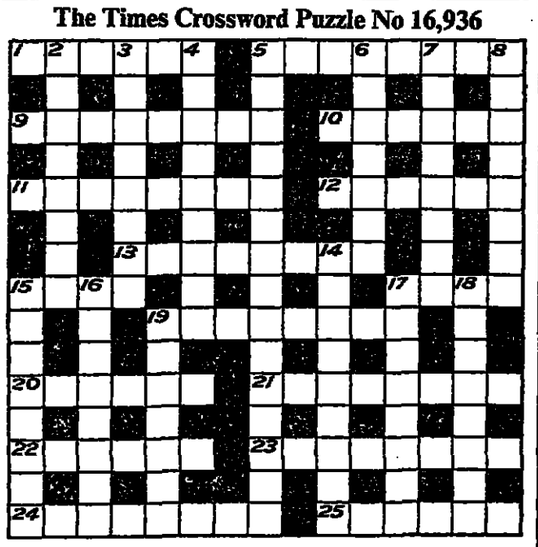
Saturday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Tiree, 0.79in; highest sunshine: Cleeton, Folkestone, 5.2hr.

Abroad

BRIDGAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	c	10	50	Cologne	r	1	34	Majorca	f	13	55	Rome	s	11	52
Alicante	s	19	66	Copenhgn	s	-4	25	Malaga	s	14	57	Salzburg	s	-1	30
Alexandria	f	20	68	Corfu	f	14	57	Malta	f	15	59	Sao Paulo*	f	27	81
Algiers	s	15	59	Dublin	s	3	37	Melbourne*	s	19	66	S Francisco			
Amsterdam	c	2	36	Dubrovnik	s	11	52	Mexico C				Santiago*	s	28	82
Athens	s	18	64	Faro	d	15	59	Milan	f	0	32	Seoul	s	-14	7
Bahrain	s	19	66	Florence	s	9	48	Milan	f	0	32	Singapore	r	25	77
Barbados*	f	27	81	Frankfurt	c	1	34	Montreal*	sn	-11	12	Stockholm	sn	-8	18
Barcelona	f	12	54	Funchal	c	16	61	Moscow	c	-7	19	Strasbourg	f	3	37
Beirut				Geneva	f	1	34	Munich	s	-1	30	Sydney	f	23	73
Belgrade	f	2	36	Gibraltar	f	15	59	Nairobi	f	26	79	Tangier	c	12	54
Berlin	c	-1	30	Helsinki	sn	-3	27	Naples	f	14	57	Tel Aviv*	c	17	63
Bermuda*	r	19	66	Hong Kong	s	15	59	New Delhi	s	16	61	Tenerife	c	19	66
Biarritz	r	8	46	Innsbruck	s	-4	25	New York*	c	7	45	Tokyo	c	7	45
Boulogne	sl	2	36	Istanbul	f	15	59	Nice	f	10	50	Toronto*	sn	-8	23
Bordeaux	r	6	43	Jiddah*	s	30	86	Oslo	sn	-6	21	Tunis	f	14	57
Brussels	sn	0	32	Jo'burg*	f	26	79	Paris	c	3	37	Valencia	f	12	54
Budapest	s	0	32	Karachi*	s	21	70	Peking*	s	-9	16	Vancouver*	c	3	37
Buen Aires*	s	26	79	Las Palmas	c	19	66	Perth*	f	34	93	Venice	s	3	37
Cairo*	f	19	66	Lisbon	f	14	57	Prague	f	-1	30	Vienna	s	1	34
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	s	2	36	Reykjavik	f	5	41	Warsaw	s	-2	28
C'blanca	c	15	59	L.Angeles				Rhodes	r	15	59	Washington*	s	12	54
Chicago				Luxembg	c	-1	30	Riyadh	s	20	68	Wellington			
Ch'church				Madrid	c	6	43	Rio de Jan	r	28	82	Zurich	f	1	34

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,936



ACROSS

1 Leave an area of London with dank housing (6).
5 Back number (8).
9 Not in favour of going around moving metal (4, 4).
10 Lacking spirit, long for direction (6).
11 The diversions of former ages overlapped (8).
12 Paid announcement in place of news (6).
13 The guard's mixed-up offspring (8).
15 It's nothing more than water! (4).
17 Inclined to grass? (4).
19 Bolt together (8).
20 Frank has joined a military service to start again (6).
21 He doesn't want to feel suited! (8).
22 In the opinion of a vegetarian a nasty fruit (6).
23 Light shelving that's now assembled differently (8).
24 An appeal for feed put in the gateway (8).
25 Packed one inside another – that's the way in an emergency (6).

DOWN

2 Are turning black, so may be removed (8).
3 Altering latitude and height (8).
4 Standard volume, but quite outstanding (9).
5 A writer staying where men get roughed up (6, 9).
6 He'll scoff at ominous rise in mounting debt (7).
7 Call for a general rise (8).
8 A knight using a spear a great deal (8).
14 Looks over suite – makes complaint (3-6).
15 A union without a single member! (8).
16 Ringing an informer up to storm about it (8).
17 They reduce friction damage in barges (8).
18 The piece of lamb being minute, one prepared stuffing (8).
19 Interview an attendant when there's some leak (7).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 16,935 will appear next Saturday

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Portfolio

Times Portfolio rules are as follows:

1 Times Portfolio is free. Purchase of The Times is not a condition of taking part.

2 Times Portfolio list comprises a group of public companies whose shares are listed on The Stock Exchange and quoted in The Times Stock Exchange prices page. The companies comprising that list will change from day to day. The list is divided into four groups of ten shares (1-10, 11-20, 21-30 and 31-40) and every Portfolio card contains two numbers from each group.

3 Times Portfolio "dividend" will be the figure in pence which represents the optimum movement in prices (i.e., largest increase or lowest loss) of a combination of eight (two from each group) of the 40 shares which on any day, comprise The Times Portfolio list.

4 The daily dividend will be announced each day and the weekly dividend will be announced each Saturday in The Times.

5 Times Portfolio list and details of the daily or weekly dividend will also be available for inspection at the offices of The Times.

6 If the overall price movement of more than one combination of shares equals the dividend, the prize will be equally divided among the claimants holding those combinations of shares.

7 All claims are subject to scrutiny before payment. Any Times Portfolio card that is defaced, tampered with or incorrectly printed in any way will be declared void.

8 Employees of News International plc and its subsidiaries and of Europrint Group Limited (producers and distributors of the card) or members of their immediate families are not allowed to play Times Portfolio.

9 As participants will be subject to these Rules. All instructions on "how to play" and "how to claim" whether published in The Times or in Times Portfolio cards will be deemed to be part of these Rules.

10 In any dispute, The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

11 If for any reason The Times Prices Page is not published in the normal way Times Portfolio will be suspended for that day.

How to play – Daily Dividend

On each day your unique set of eight numbers will represent commercial and industrial shares published in The Times Portfolio list which will appear on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

In the column provided next to your shares note the price change (+ or –), in pence, as published in that day's Times.

After listing the price changes of your eight shares for that day, add up all eight share changes to give you your overall total plus or minus (+ or –).

Check your overall total against The Times Portfolio dividend published on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

If your overall total matches The Times Portfolio dividend you have won outright or a share of the total prize money stated for that day and must claim your prize as instructed below.

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-58372 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

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